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Yau Ma Tei	6.45	8.10	9.33	10.56	12.05	1.23	2.40	4.07	5.24	6.43	7.59
Shatin	6.50	8.15	9.38	11.01	12.10	1.28	2.45	4.12	5.29	6.48	8.04
Tai Po	7.00	8.25	9.48	11.11	12.20	1.38	2.55	4.22	5.39	6.58	8.14
Tai Po Market	7.10	8.35	9.58	11.21	12.30	1.48	3.05	4.32	5.49	7.08	8.24
Fantling	7.20	8.45	10.08	11.31	12.40	1.58	3.15	4.42	5.59	7.18	8.34
Shougang	7.30	8.55	10.18	11.41	12.50	2.08	3.25	4.52	6.09	7.28	8.44
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To-day.

(May 15.)

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World Theatre: "Enemy Beauty"
(Chinese film).

Central Theatre: "Rango"

King's Theatre: "Under Sun-
picion."

Dances: Tea Dances, H.K. Hotel,
Dinner Dances, Hong Kong Hotel,
Peninsula Hotel, and Hotel Cecil.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe
via Negapatam (Kutaing). Out-
ward: Europe via Suez (Hakusan
Maru), 6 p.m.

Saturday.

(May 16.)

China Entertainment & Land
Investment Co., Ltd., Meeting,
King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Lawn Bowls.—First Division,
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Civil Service,
Craigengower C.C. v. Police, Re-
creio v. Kowloon Dock, Tai Koo v.

Kowloon C.C.; Second Division
Civil Service v. Craigengower,
H.K. Electric v. Tai Koo, Yacht
Club v. Kowloon B.G.C., Kowloon
C.C. v. Recreation.

Racing.—Fifth Extra Meeting
(Happy Valley).

Queen's Theatre: "Hell's Angels"

World Theatre: "Enemy Beauty"
(Chinese film).

Central Theatre: "Rango"

King's Theatre: "Under Sun-
picion."

Dances: Tea Dances, H.K. and
Peninsula Hotels; Dinner Dances,
Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Royal Corps of Signals, Open Air
Dance, Whitfield Barracks, 8 p.m.

European Mail.—Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Pres. Madison)
5 p.m.

Sunday.

(May 17.)

Eastern Football Club Athletic
Sports, South China ground.

Queen's Theatre: "Hell's Angels"

World Theatre: "Mei Yen Chi"
Part I. (Chinese film).

Central Theatre: "Rango"

King's Theatre: "Anybody's
Woman."

Dances: Tea Dance at Repulse
Bay Hotel.

PEN PICTURES OF AMERICA.

VI.—CHICAGO: THE WORLD'S
WICKEDEST CITY?

PARKS, THEATRES, AND A GANGSTER'S
BANQUET.

[By J. E. SEWELL.]

I have often been questioned about Chicago, and asked if the town is really as bad as the newspapers make it out to be. Of course, there is a lot of crime in the city, and as it is of a serious nature it commands a prominent place in the news of the world. Every city in the world has its major crimes, and its petty vice, but, due to the large amount of money involved, and the apparent luxury of the authorities, Chicago stands first among the "wicked cities" of the world. Chicago has not always been the most talked of town, and not so many years ago Chicago was hardly heard of in connection with out of the way crime. But the past is past, so let us look at the "windy city" as it is now.

Most people visualize Chicago as a regular battlefield with armoured cars patrolling the streets keeping a careful watch for car loads of armed gangsters. They imagine that shooting is a regular occurrence, men and women being "put on the spot" in the heart of the city. If one stops to think this is, of course, absurd. Even in such a wicked city as Chicago is supposed to be, thugs do not make up the entire population. There are other things of much more interest in the fourth largest city in the world.

A Gangster's Banquet.

Before we go on to these pleasant spots let me say a few words about the gangster. A few years ago I had the pleasure of attending a banquet in honour of one of the famous gangsters who has since been "taken for a ride." The party was given by the famous Al Capone and was held in one of the leading hotels in the city. All of the famous characters of the underworld were there accompanied by their "molls." Frankly, I was greatly surprised. I never expected to meet people who were apparently so well groomed, well

educated and pleasant. One would have taken the party to have been a meeting of the Rotary Club, or some other group of successful business men. The ladies of the party were rather striking in appearance, and were bedecked with jewels and furs. Most of them were very good looking. Liquor was plentiful but even when the party was at its height there was no "rough stuff." Every one was happy and there was not a sign of a gun of any description. For a gunman's party it was rather tame. These people were, of course, the "cream" or "high society" of gang land.

The Scum of the City.

What are the others like? For some time I was working in one of the "toughest" districts of the city and there came in contact with the other class. Most of the men were of the type known as "coke hounds" or "hop heads." The women were of the class one expects to see in the police courts after a "vice raid." These are the hired killers and only do their work when under the influence of dope or strong drink. They are the scum of the city and do not come in for the "big money." Nothing can be said in their favour as they lack the superficial good manners of those who employ them. Organised crime is one of the worst things in the world but it must be admitted that it pays. Millions of dollars are gathered every year and the evil is increasing.

Lovely Parks.

Chicago has many beautiful parks and drives. Most of the parks have public athletic grounds, tennis courts, golf course, children's play grounds and bridle paths. All of these can be used by anyone, and great interest in clean sport is shown by the large patronage from the general population.

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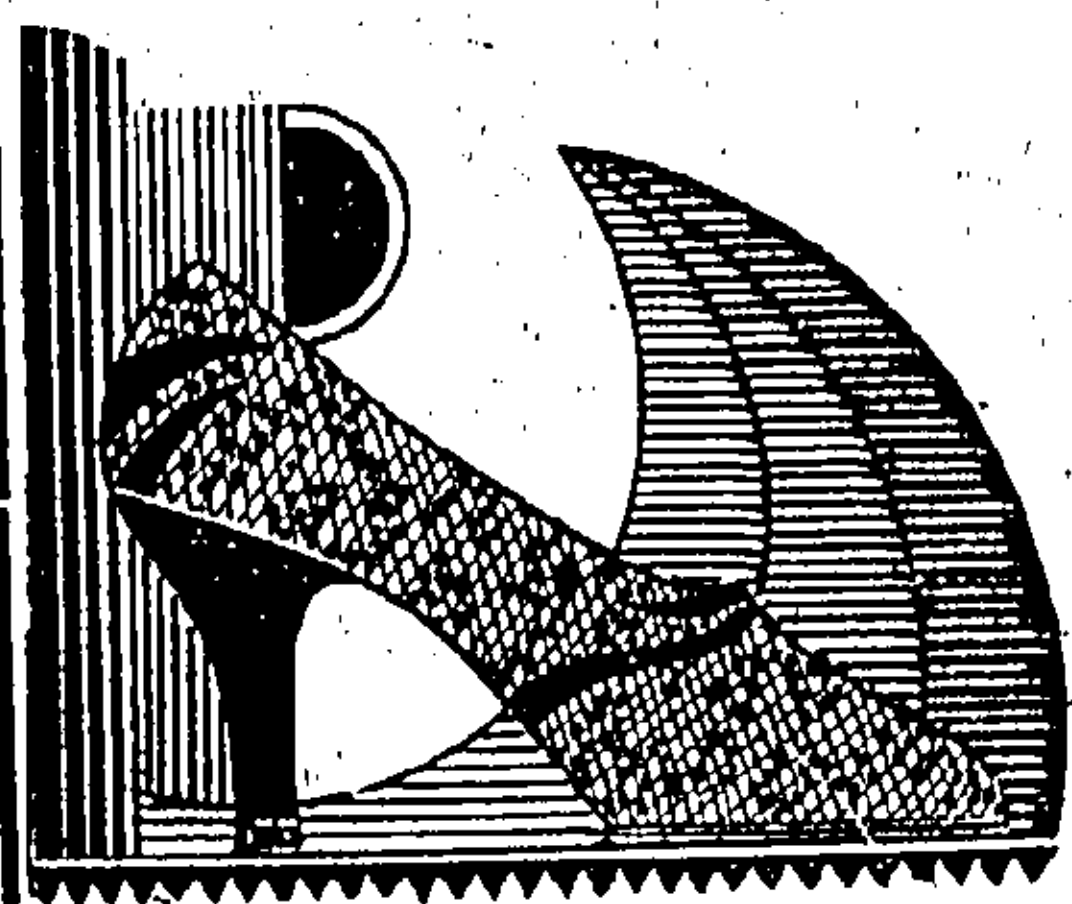
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WOMAN'S PAGE.



Summer
HATS



Eve.—Dress for the new season is distinguished from its predecessors by many changes which, while small and subtle in themselves, are yet easily recognised by its initiated women, therefore, who want to keep up a reputation for dressing with the times cannot afford to put off the important business of choosing a summer outfit. Eve, true to an established reputation for providing all the best things that fashion has to show as soon as they are launched, has assembled a delightful collection of "Grafton" voile and print dresses. The prices (from \$12.50) I thought very reasonable for so charming models, and an early visit to "Eve" should be well worth while.

ROUND THE SHOPS.

[By "EVE."]
Lane, Crawford.—Fashion never stands still for a moment at this store. Just arrived this week are some very charming formal afternoon and semi-evening gowns. On which are used as a medium, to a very large extent, two very beautiful materials, organdie and net. It is easy to understand why organdie holds a place of honour in the wardrobe of every well-dressed woman; no other material gives that beautiful floating effect that looks so graceful and is so cool on even the hottest of days. Many of the new models have semi-fitting bodices, and variety in skirt treatment is provided by means of flares, fan pleats, panels, diagonal and scalloped tiers, circular lines and draperies. To go with the afternoon frocks there are some beautiful "dressy" hats in all the latest becoming styles.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.—There is no doubt that some of the smartest hats in Hong Kong are seen at this charming little salon in Chater Road. The truth of this statement can be proved a short and probably profitable visit to this house of elegance and good value. The latest models of the "Catalina" and "Mayfair" hats indicate that "Purymar" is the most popular straw this summer. I saw some exquisite models in crepe-line in pastel shades trimmed with velvet ribbon and sprays of flowers. For sports, there are lightweight tweed straws and large-brimmed hats which are ideal for beach wear. These are mostly in the popular colours of yellow and pink.

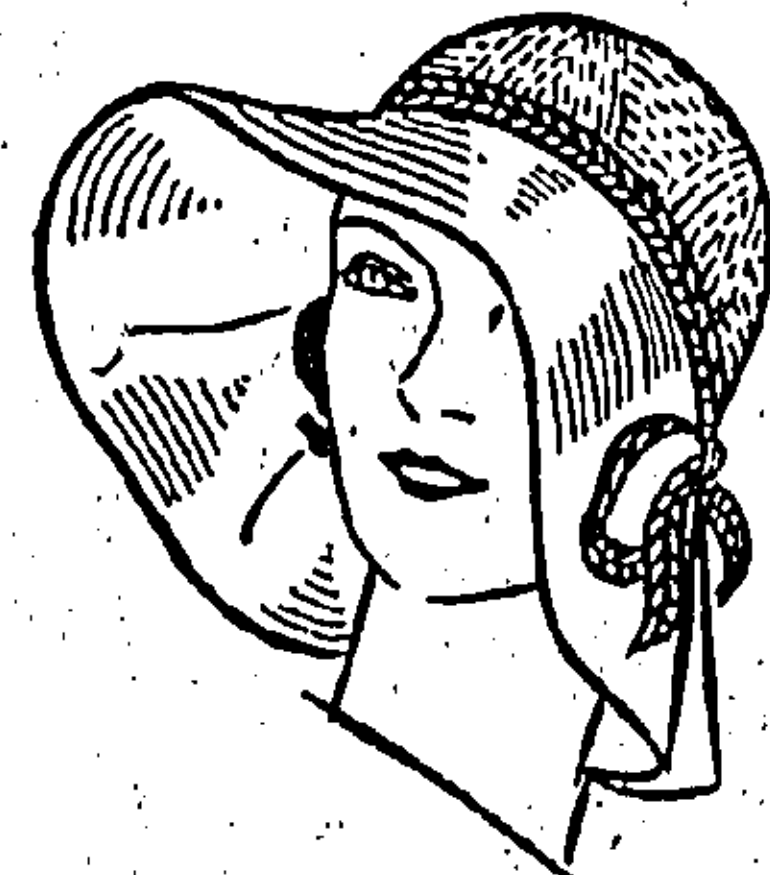


Gordon's.—With the idea of enhancing their reputation as purveyors of elegant footwear, Gordon's have just imported a few select models of hand-made Spanish shoes. Few women realise that Spain ranks as one of the largest exporters of high-grade footwear, but according to trade experts, some of the best shoes in the world are manufactured there. There can be no doubt as regards the beauty and excellent workmanship of the models displayed at Gordon's. One particularly attractive model is a court shoe in two shades of beige with a short vamp and high heel.



Whiteaway's.—Now that the hot weather is definitely with us and in view of the absolute necessity of suitable underwear demanded by the new modes, the well-dressed woman cannot afford to miss paying a visit to Whiteaway's where the very latest in summer underwears is being displayed. There are night-dresses, petticoats, and bloomers in "Santini," a fadless washing material richly embroidered and lace trimmed. The summer vests which are all silk, are by T. & R. Morley. The "Vistru" vest is another popular make, also in silk, and is very hard wearing. For the children I was shown some "Airtex" shirts and sleeping suits; this is a very cool material, stands a lot of hard wear and is ideal for the youngsters in the hot weather.

Maison Marnac.—The designer in this salon has expressed the latest styles in the new creations seen this week. The sweeping floor-length evening gowns look very gay with their bright colours and the new short coats. The latter are made of the same material as the dresses and look very smart. A glance at a dinner frock is sufficient to show how becoming and chic is its character. A dress which plays a conspicuous part is a picturesque affair, the wide skirt of which is decorated with rows of frills. Youthful wearers will love the georgette dresses, so simple and yet so intricate to make, and for the very young it would be hard to find a prettier dress than one made entirely of net with the fashionable moulded-to-the-figure bodice and a flounce-decked skirt.



HOW TO LOOK AT
HATS.

There is nothing more difficult than choosing a new hat if you look at hats with the same mind as a Parisian. And the woman who does not look at hats with this mind has missed the real meaning of a hat.

It is not merely a covering for the head, it is a head-dress, a finish to the dress and jacket, an ornament which should look as if it belongs to the head it adorns, and it should say something to the world as it passes of her personality.

That is why Parisian milliners make the new hats on the heads of their clients and not on a block of wood only.

You make your choice sitting before one of those cosy little mirrors, with a shelf in front of it for your bag, gloves, and the hat you have just taken off, with a milliner behind you trying on the hats she has beside her, and a *rendezvous* at your side.

This stage setting helps a great deal. You feel that the matter is serious and may be treated at leisure, you are prepared to give your whole mind to your choice, and your two milliners put their mind to it with just as much enthusiasm.

I love that look of concentrated criticism which comes into the eyes of the real, creative milliner when she looks over your head at your reflection in the mirror. She frowns, she nods curtly, she puts her hands to your head and twists the thing round, pulls it back, to the side, or a little to the front.

"It must be longer there, deeper here, raised there, and then it will be all right." If a hat is not your style she knows; if it is, she also knows. And what is more, she says so, and helps you to see that she is right.

In choosing the new spring hats this season the choice lies between the very small brimless hat and the straw hat with a brim. The little hat may be in fine straw of the Panama family, in pattern, or plain, in ribbons, knitted or crocheted bands of silk or something else, and usually in two colours, or black and white. The point is that the crown should fit, and the outline be becoming to all points of the face.

There is where the skilled milliner is so precious. Since good hats are expensive, it is wise to consider well with how many ensembles one hat may be worn. A shiny black straw goes with an ensemble of any colour, but not a dull straw or a felt.

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The Brim Question.

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mings, are good style for wearing with simple jacket suits in woollen crepe, or with tweeds. The little hats with a shadow of a veil across the brow are more suited to afternoon in town.

The beret as it is known is not being made, but the little fitting bonnet with some sort of flower trimming at the side and a sharp ear dipping low is correct and becoming. This little head-dress is a combination of the beret, the tricorne, and the bicorne. The very big picture hat with a floppy brim, made of fine materials, handworked, will be worn in full summer weather in town and at the sea.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

COOKERY NOOK.
FLAVOURY HALIBUT.

We do not meet halibut, at least under its own name, nearly as often as we should do if we were wise, for he is truly a goodly fish. Let us give him a chance this way: Make this mixture: a tablespoonful of butter and half a teaspoonful of flour; then a teaspoonful of made mustard; a breakfastcupful of grated stale cheese; salt; and a breakfastcupful of milk, every cook knows how to make this combination nicely. Pan it over the fire until it is thick and smooth, but do not be in a hurry. Put a fine, big halibut steak into a deep baking dish and pour the mixture over it. Bake in a not too hot oven for about half an hour. Near the end, breadcrumbs may be sprinkled over, but this is not necessary. But then, if in cooking as in other matters, we never did anything but the needful, what a many delights we should miss. I am nothing if not a philosopher!

BRIGHT ACCESSORIES.

Patterned materials are to be the rage again this summer and many frocks of floral chiffon demand an unusual necklace. The newest idea is to have one of graduated beads, hand-painted with the colourings and patterns of the material. A small piece of the material is submitted and the necklace appears to be part and parcel of the gown.

An exquisite brooch, which may also be worn on a hat, will be appreciated by supporters of the Royal Air Force. The brooch is in the shape of a minute aeroplane, the body and wings of which are made of diamonds, while the tail and the tiny propeller are composed of silver.

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SECOND EMPIRE FASHIONS AGAIN.

Paris.—The popularity of the light opera "Le Vie Parisienne," at the Mogador Theatre has brought back to a small degree the fashion of the crinoline dress for evening.

Suzanne Talbot made one for a charming Parisienne who went to the first night. It is in black net flounces and bands of black moiré, each flounce dipping very slightly towards the back, the lowest flounce forming a slight train. The hips are slim, being of a deep, tight band of moiré, the bodice is tucked, and fits closely, and on the shoulders are two bows of moiré running into shoulder straps, and a band across the top of the bodice.

With it is worn a plain white tailored short coat of white angel cloth, buttoned at the waist with one black and white button. Pockets are set in for the hands, and above the collarless neck may be tied a black net scarf.

The crinoline frocks on the stage are charming, as gay and flaunting as the music and songs in the opera. A charming thing is in grey faille, with touches of bright green and white, and such a quaint little hat set to dip over the eyes and only cover the top of the head. Two ribbon streamers, green and grey, flow from behind it. A flowered white *crêpe de chine* is all frilled to show an under petticoat.

Jaunty Little Hat.

The sleeves balloon, the shoulders have a cape, the gloves and little boots are in fine navy kid, the little hat is as jaunty as the one described above, and of the same kind.

Too attractive to describe, is a dress of red taffeta cut in petals, with an open jacket of black jet and a bonnet of jet with a ruffle of white round the face, a touch of red trimming, and demure black ribbon strings tied under the chin in a bow.

At the Marigny, when that charming little operette "Moinau" was played, there were other most enchanting dresses in figured cottons with plaid peplums, a fringed mauve taffeta with a green velvet jacket and bonnet with strings tied to a bow and ends, and again a delightfully gay little dress in pale pink taffeta and light blue ribbons, balloon sleeves, and the most perky of small hats perched on the head to one side.

Without following these styles closely, dressmakers have made evening dresses which have billowy skirts and tight bodices, in taffeta and chiffon, net and lace. Little fitting jackets are worn with them, made of some bright shade of velvet, angel cloth, or satin.

The Love of Plaids.

The love of plaids for the day-time is also due in some measure to the influence of Second Empire fashions, when plaids were the rage. The wearing of dainty trousers under transparent skirts for the evening is yet another, and there there are capes and fichus, striking gloves and dainty shoes. The importance of sleeves comes from the same period too.

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Stock Yards.

The stock yards are to the west of the town, and are famous all over the world. These yards are open to public inspection and tours are made every day showing the visitors every step in the preparation of the meats. For instance, you can see the animals unloaded, washed, slaughtered and the carcasses cleaned, butchered cooked and packed. You see how the by-products are manufactured and how every scrap of refuse is used. I have heard it said that everything is used except the squeal of the pigs and after hearing some of the talkies I doubt if this is wasted.

Chicago is a large theatrical centre and there are many fine theatres in all parts of the city. The best known of these are the Chicago Theatre and the Oriental. All of the larger theatres have their own orchestras and the Chicago Theatre is famous for its pipe organ which is reputed to have the most mellow tone of any theatre organ in the world. All of the "Broadway Hits" come to Chicago and many originate there.

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Settlement houses are maintained in the "slums." The largest of these is Hull House. These houses undertake to look after immigrants and teach them to become useful citizens of the United States.

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Dr. Grey, who had made post-mortem examinations, attributed death in both cases to drowning, adding that the man had extensive tubercular disease of both lungs.

Mr. Alfred Robert Norman, of Beeches-walk, Carshalton, who has a draper's business in High-street, Sutton (Surrey), said that the Potters lived over his shop. He read an account of the bodies being found on the foreshore at Bognor Regis, and identified the bodies there.

Potter was a hunchback and was a porter in his employ. He knew nothing of the man except that before coming to him he had lived at Croydon with his mother.

The Coroner: The inquiry at Croydon has led to no further information being obtained.

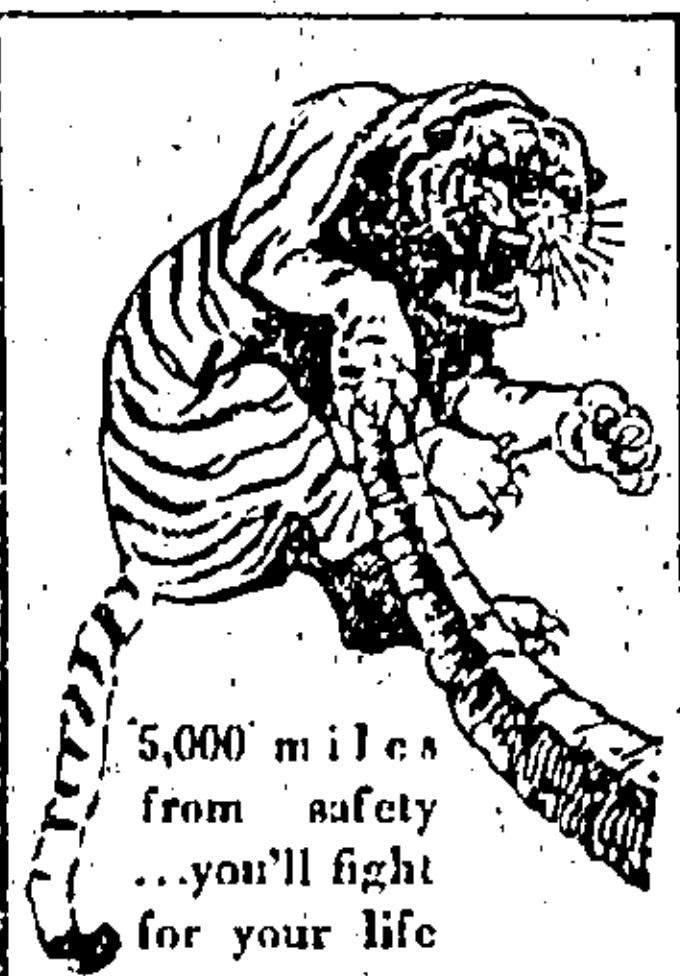
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"WHOOPEE."

Besides being an unprecedentedly lavish production in its own right, "Whoopee," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical riot, starring Eddie Cantor, which returns to the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday, received an unparalleled compliment when Owen Davis, the author of "The Nervous Wreck," from which it was adapted, personally complimented the members of the staff of the Samuel Goldwyn studios who rewrote it for the screen.

It is a proverb among movie people that the author of a play or novel which has been adapted to the screen invariably claims that the adaptation has wrecked his master-piece.

Owen Davis, author of "The Nervous Wreck," is known wherever there are theatres as one of the most prolific and powerful dramatists of the present day. Winner of a Pulitzer Prize with his play, "Ice-bound," versatile writer of serious drama, melodrama, farce and musical comedy, he has always considered "The Nervous Wreck" his best farce.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"RANGO."

"Rango" is showing at the Central Theatre to crowded houses and it is one of the best educational pictures to be screened in this colony.

The last showing of this picture takes place to-morrow and all those who have not seen it are advised to go at once before it is taken off.

Preceding the main story of "Rango" is a five-minute prologue: a father and his little boy in an American home at Christmas time. The little boy, playing with toy tigers, asks his father to tell him about the land where the tigers live. His father starts to describe the jungle country of Sumatra, and the camera then takes us to Sumatra and the main story. The voice of the father is then heard in monologue as he tells the story which is being enacted on the screen. The real sounds of the jungle are heard—the enraged roars of the tigers, the screeches of the monkeys, etc.—all the audible accompaniment that goes with the activities of the denizens of the jungle.

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Inspector Turner (George Brent), and Smith is sent on a hazardous mission to rescue a hunter lost in the mountains. Unsuccessful in getting rid of his rival in this manner, Turner obtains Smith's war record to end his career in the "Mounties."

Meanwhile a flaming forest fire gives Smith an opportunity to save Commandant Freil (Lumden Hare) from certain death. The curtain rings—finally—with the cheering Turner ordered out of the ranks in disgrace. His treachery is denounced by the Commandant, and Alice Freil adds that Turner had

conceded the fact that Smith's sacrifice had been made solely on account of his brother.

With clear sound reproduction, Miss Moran gives an excellent account of herself in the part of the heroine. Harold Murray sings a number of songs and appears also as the leader in a tuneful chorus at the wedding banquet. Sergeant Doyle and Private Darby (J. M. Kerrigan and Edwin Connolly) provide plenty of amusing comedy in the swiftly changing scenes. Others in the strong cast are Marie Saxon, Rhoda Cross and Vera Gerald.

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2 p.m.—Close down.
3 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
7 to 10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7 p.m.—Stock quotations.
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7.02 to 8.45 p.m.—European programme of "Oden," "H.M.V.," "Disque" and "Parlophone" records kindly lent by a listener.

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"Zwei Tränen" (Rubens und Grothe)—Marek Weber and his Orchestra.

"Mon Ideal"—Maurice Chevalier.

"Ein Liden Vra" (Kamensky-Sandberg)—Sven-Olof Sandberg.

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"Mens Jeg Lever" (Naestved-Hartelius)—Erling Krogh (Tenor).

"Moiz et Elle"—Maurice Chevalier.

"Quand On R'vient"—Maurice Chevalier.

"Amoriner"—Einar Rose.

"My Little Sweetheart"—Einar Rose.

"An Gai det Vagor"—Sven-Olof Sandberg.

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8.45 to 9.15 p.m.—From the Studio: A lecture on Johann Sebastian Bach by Miss E. Hansen.

Studio Recital.

9.15 to 9.45 p.m.—From the Studio: A pianoforte recital by Miss Lubor Pekker of Johann Sebastian Bach's composition:

(1) "Aria My Heart Ever Faithful" (from the Pentecost Cantata).

(2) "Chromatische Phantasie und Fuge."

(3) "Rondo—Gavotte."

(4) "Bourree" (from the second Violin Sonata).

(5) "Gavotte" (from the third English Suite).

9.45 to 10.25 p.m.—Recorded programme supplied by Messrs. Montrie Co.

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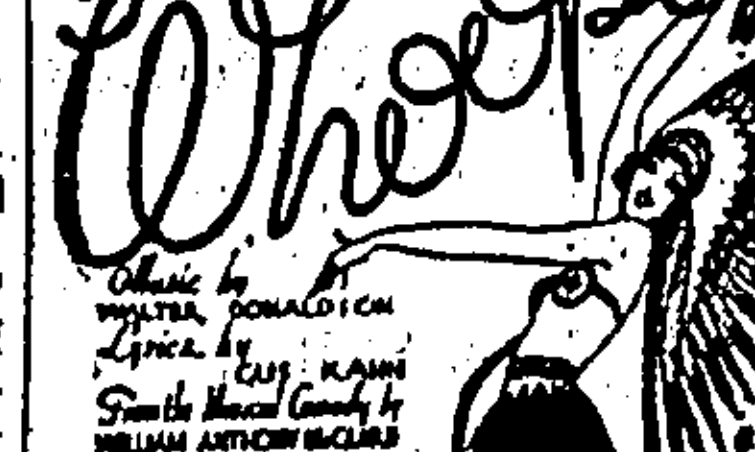
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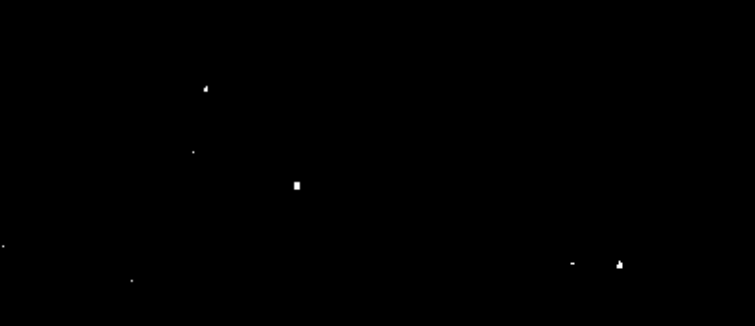
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POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The Postmaster-General's report for 1930 is as follows:—

Mails.

The number of mail receptacles of Hong Kong origin dispatched during the year was 48,123 as compared with 43,725 in 1929—an increase of 4,398; the number received was 50,424 as compared with 46,379—an increase of 1,845.

Receptacles in transit, including those to and from British and Foreign Men-of-War, numbered 182,020 as against 160,579 in 1929—an increase of 1,451.

4,300 steamers carrying mails arrived and 9,927 left in 1930 as against 6,050 and 6,909 respectively in 1929.

Registered Articles and Parcels.

The number of registered articles handled amounted to 842,678 as compared with 648,135 in 1929—a decrease of 5,457.

The figures for insured letters were 18,987 and 19,050 respectively—a decrease of 163.

The number of parcels handled during the year was 428,849 as against 411,165 in 1929—an increase of 17,684.

A decrease of 11,170 is shown in parcels exchanged with United Kingdom, United States of America, France and other Continental Countries, Straits Settlements and Australia, whilst an increase of 28,803 is shown in parcels exchanged with China, India, Indo-China, Dutch East Indies and Japan.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The total revenue from the Postal Service, in 1930, amounted to \$912,935.56, an increase on the previous year of \$120,480.21. The expenditure for 1930 amounted to \$448,186.92 or \$79,048.78 more than that of the previous year.

The balance of Revenue over Expenditure amounted to \$464,748.64.

The Revenue from the sale of

1921	\$548,370.02
1922	\$572,583.95
1923	\$634,007.06
1924	\$701,015.17
1925	\$805,045.08
1926	\$601,078.32
1927	\$733,103.13
1928	\$761,414.44
1929	\$786,131.28
1930	\$893,605.42

Money Orders.

The combined total of the year's transactions on Money Orders and British Postal Orders shows a decrease of about £4,000 as compared with that of 1929. The shrinkage in Gold value of the Silver currency of China's transactions when converted into Sterling would partly account for the decrease as the average rate of the silver dollar in 1929 was 1s. 11d. whilst that of 1930 it was only 1s. 7d.

1930.	
Money Orders issued	240,770.18
paid	75,065.13
British Postal Orders issued	3,637.11
paid	2,072.62
	\$122,440.74

1929.	
Money Orders issued	240,720.27
paid	69,421.12
British Postal Orders issued	4,832.00
paid	2,378.19
	\$126,352.33

Local Postal Notes show a decrease of \$1,130.50 due to the closing of the Weihaiwei Post Office.

Chinese Delivery Section.

During the year this section handled 3,489,956 ordinary letters, 247,134 other articles and 5,693 postal Hong packets as against 3,325,199 ordinary letters, 229,631 other articles and 5,800 Postal Hong packets in 1929.

The registered articles delivered amounted to 230,930 of which 114,011 were from the United States of America and Canada, and 122,635 from China and other countries showing a decrease of 4,063 as compared with 241,329 in 1929.

CHINESE MERCHANTS AND CURRENCY.

MEETING DISFAVOURS STABILISATION.

At a meeting of the Twenty-Four Trade Guilds' Association held yesterday evening, which was presided over by Mr. To Sze Tuen, a prominent Chinese merchant, it was decided to present the views of members of the association to the Government on the question of the Colony's currency. A sub-committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up the association's views.

In the course of the meeting it was stated that stabilisation by Hong Kong before the adoption of the gold standard by China would be very much against the interests of trade in the Colony. The views expressed by those present at the meeting were generally against stabilisation.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

FOURTEEN CLUBS REPRESENTED.

It is notified that the Recreation Grounds Committee consists of the following:—

Chairman, the Director of Public Works, the Colonial Secretary, the Director of Education, representatives of the Royal Naval Recreation Club, South China Command Sports Board, Hong Kong Football Association, Hong Kong Jockey Club, Hong Kong Football Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Hong Kong Hockey Club, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Hong Kong Polo Club, Club de Recreo, Hong Kong Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club.

8,030 insured letters were dealt with as against 7,733 in 1929. The total number of Chinese private boxes was 292, a decrease of 20 as compared with 312 in 1929.

The licences of 27 Chinese Postal Hongs were renewed, the same number as in 1929.

Wireless.

The total paid traffic for the year was 261,963 messages and 2,336,152 words which represents an increase of 67 per cent. in the number of messages, and 50 per cent. in the number of words as compared to the figures for 1929.

The total number of unpaid messages for the year is 32,855 which is 11 per cent. increase over the figures for 1929. The total number of unpaid words is 1,060,408 which is 41 per cent. increase as compared with the figures for last year.

The total increase amounts to 118,632 messages 917,540 words or 68 per cent. and 32 per cent. respectively.

New Services.

During the year the following new direct services were opened:—Bangkok, Saigon, Malabar (with connections to Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Australasia, Europe and America), and Taihoku. The services to Swatow and Amoy were improved and reconditioned. The rates on these 2 circuits were reduced and standardised and the clumsy Receiver to Pay System abolished.

Commercial wireless telegraph services offering the usual telegraphic facilities are now in operation as follows:—Amoy; British North Borneo; Canton; Dutch East Indies, with connections to Dutch Borneo, Australasia, American Continent and Europe; French Indo-China, direct to Hanoi, Saigon and Kwongchow, and with connections to all inland places; Formosa and Taihoku; Manila, with connections to Philippines, American Continent, Europe and alternative connections to Dutch East Indies and Borneo; Shanghai, with connections to inland points in China; Swatow; Siam; Yunnanfu, with connections to other places in Yunnan Province; China on "Receiver to Pay" basis.

Radio Licences.

During the year the Radio Office issued wireless licences as follows:—
Ship Station 67
Amateur Transmission Station 12
Broadcast Receiving 1,666
Dealers 78

SHATIN RAILWAY SMASH.

P.W.D. ENGINEER'S EVIDENCE REGARDING FLOODS.

GUARD AND FIREMAN RELATE EXPERIENCES.

A special jury composed of Mr. J. P. Warren (foreman), Mr. J. D. Danby, and Captain A. N. Davidson heard further evidence yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy on the recent railway disaster which occurred on the Kowloon-Canton Railway at a point between Shatin and Taiipo. The Coroner is Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

Mr. R. M. Henderson, Engineer-in-Chief of the P.W.D., said that there was a small intake dam in the Shingmun Valley which was 30 feet long, and 10 feet deep. A gauge in the dam showed that as a result of very heavy rainfall the water had risen 10 feet above the top of the dam's wall, and flooded over. This was a unprecedented, as in the big storm of 1920, the water had only come 3 feet above the wall. The whole side of the mountain (above where the disaster occurred) showed signs of abnormal rainfall. The whole area was very precipitous, and he did not think that the water would have been able to evaporate.

Lok Ip, a fireman, stated that he had served for two years on the railway. On April 20 he was fireman on the train which met with disaster. The train left Kowloon about midday, and later returned from Sunchun to come back to Hong Kong at 4.30 p.m. It was raining heavily when he left Sunchun. When the train arrived at Taiipo it was still raining and continued to do so until the accident.

Knocked Unconscious.

He was looking along the line just before the accident. The train was travelling at its usual speed. Just after the engine had passed the bridge, the accident occurred. As far as he could see the line looked quite all right beyond the bridge. The engine dropped down to the right of the line, and witness was knocked unconscious.

Asked by the Magistrate whether he had any special orders when the weather was bad, witness replied that his job was to look ahead and see that the road was clear. He had no special instructions. He noticed that the water-fall was heavier than usual.

The Chinese guard, who was on duty on the train which was wrecked, said that the train was composed of the engine, first, second and third class coaches, then two more third class coaches, and lastly the guards' van. In the first-class coach there was only the bar boy; in the second class there were ten passengers; in the third class coach (nearest to the engine) there were 30 people (amongst whom were many of the killed); in the next coach there were 20 passengers, and in the last coach and van only witness and the brakeman.

A Violent Jerk.

When the accident occurred he felt a violent jerk. His van stopped, and he got two brakemen to telephone to headquarters. He himself walked towards Taiipo, carrying with him detonators, one of which he put down an eighth of a mile from the accident. He put down altogether four detonators on the line. He did this to prevent anything from behind coming on, and to avert further accident.

He then went back to the scene of the accident, and also placed four detonators on the Hong Kong side of the smash. Witness said that he had only a small knowledge of first aid, but first aid appliances were carried in the guards' van.

Brakeman's Evidence.

Chang Yau, brakeman on the wrecked train, stated that after leaving Taiipo he put the lights on the train. When the accident happened he had just got to the brakeman's van. Witness got out of the train. He was not hurt, and went to telephone to headquarters from the "nine mile crossing." He then returned to the scene of the accident and lent a hand with the injured.

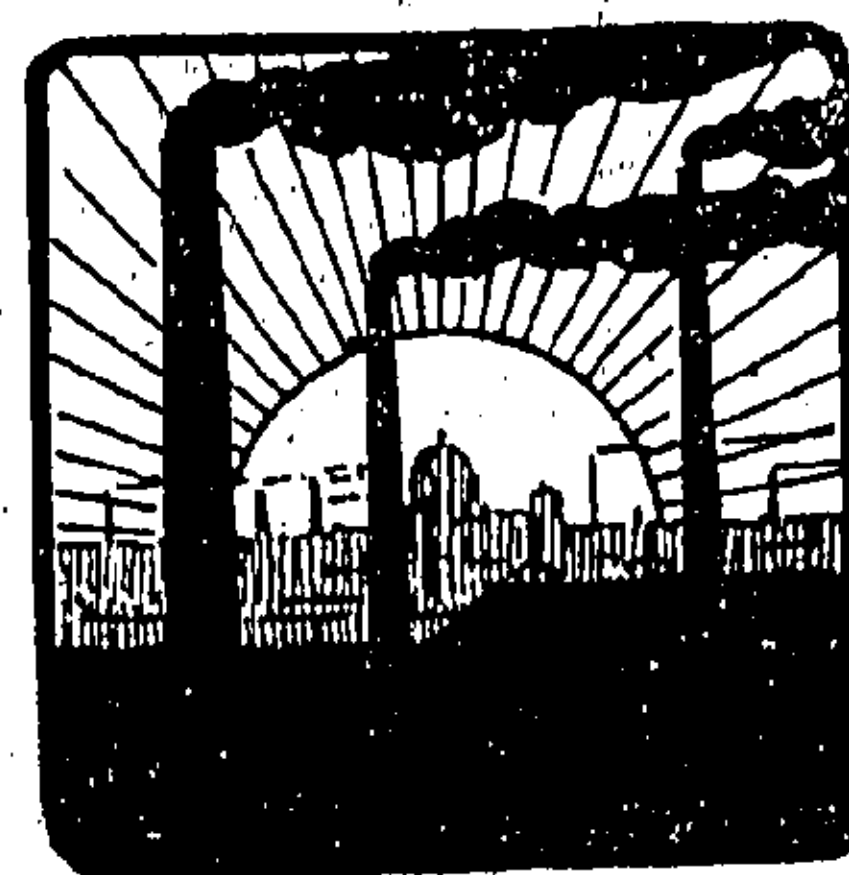
Shan Liu stated that he drove a train which left Kowloon at 4.30 p.m. on April 20. He did not notice anything wrong with the line at the place where the accident occurred. He noticed no jarring that would indicate to him that the line was giving way.

Chung Tim Sheung, guard on the 4.30 a.m. train which left Kowloon for Taiipo, corroborated the previous witnesses' evidence.

The hearing was adjourned until next Wednesday.

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DIGGING FOR GOLD.

UNDER A LINCOLNSHIRE LAWN.

DIVINERS' RODS TWITCH OVER THE SPOT.

Billinghay, (Lincs).—If the dream of Mr. Arthur Gresswell, of Gordon House, Billinghay, should come true, this sleepy, tiny village, beyond the ruined castle of Tattershall, whose marvellous fire-places the late Lord Curzon rescued for the nation, may have in its midst a Lincolnshire Klondike.

For three weeks Mr. Gresswell has been mining for gold under the lawn in his garden. He claims to have found it. It is not true, he said with emphasis, that operations have been abandoned. Sufficient success has come his way, to warrant his carrying on with the adventure.

"I am a man," said Mr. Gresswell, "who, when he sets about doing a thing, believes in going through with it."

"I have found gold in the 30-ft. shaft that has been already sunk, and I am planning to sink two more."

Clairvoyant's Tidings.

It is over by a now untenanted pigeon loft and near a high wall that the initial discoveries have been made. There was a reason for selecting this spot. A clairvoyant at Skegness last year gave Mr. Gresswell the "so bearing." Tidings that there was gold in his garden "near a bird-house and hard by a wall." It confirmed the story of a Woodhall Spire fortune teller who, 20 years before, had told him his land was rich in minerals. So it was here that Mr. Gresswell sank his shaft. Three men have worked there for three weeks. There was a great heap of blue clay in the garden; a man with a scissor-like instrument was cutting up the clay into small pieces, and rubbing them through his fingers. Each time he found anything that looked as though it might be mineral, he put it carefully in a tin for closer examination later.

Over on the opposite side of the garden was a staked out section, indicating that here the next spell of digging is to be undertaken. Once more there is a reason for the choice.

Three Diviners.

"I have had three gold diviners here," Mr. Gresswell said. "They held a piece of gold in one hand, a piece of silver in the other, and a divining twig as well. As they walked over one piece of ground the twig became agitated in the hand which held the gold, and in that which held the silver as well, indicating that both were below the surface. Over the other spot it twitched for gold only, so that I know there is gold, but no silver there."

He has sent the specimens found so far to a smelting works to be tested. He will await the report before deciding what future arrangements shall be.

"I took a small piece to a jeweller in Lincoln," he added. "The jeweller tested it with acid and told me there was gold in it."

Washed in by the Wash?

One theory that is being discussed is that the soil washed it there. For all Billinghay agrees that hundreds of years ago the sea swept and surged and allowed where Billinghay now stands. The Wash, as the map-makers call the waters beside where the port of Boston stands, is now a full 20 miles away, but there are those in the village who say their great-grandfathers went a-codding here in those old days, and that this was really the place where King John lost his jewels.

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DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.

DECISION OF SUMMARY COURT.

Judgment was delivered by Mr. Justice Lindsell at the Summary Court yesterday in an action by Kato & Co., York Building, against Chau Yue Teng, China Building, claiming \$1,000 damages for breach of contract in respect of 500 bales of gunny bags.

The defendants offered to sell to plaintiffs at a certain price 500 bales of gunny bags to be shipped to Hong Kong from Calcutta by the end of January, the plaintiffs making a counter-offer to buy on terms of "prompt" shipment. The order was placed by defendants through the Anglo-Oriental Bag Co., of Calcutta, but that they learned that the Calcutta firm had failed and they had, therefore, to procure the gunny bags through other sources. In the meantime the plaintiffs had sold the shipment to a Japanese firm in Dairen, thus suffering a loss.

After dealing with the facts of the case and law on the point, his Lordship said it was due not so much to the failure of the Anglo-Oriental Company at Calcutta that the goods were not supplied in time as to the defendants taking no early steps to ascertain why their cabled order was not acknowledged. It seemed a fair inference that, having had no acknowledgment, despite further cables within a fortnight, they could have taken steps to discover what was wrong and so put themselves in a position to fulfil their part within the contract time or, at any rate, to minimise the delay. Judgement would be for plaintiffs for \$376.60.

Mr. F. H. Kwok was for plaintiffs and Mr. J. T. Prior defended.

USING PROFANE LANGUAGE.

SMART SENTENCE ON CHINESE YOUTH.

A young Chinese was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday on a charge of threatening to assault an elderly Chinese and using profane language towards four girls on the Shamshuipo Ferry.

Sergeant Baker told the Court that the defendant had been in the habit of using abusive language to the girls who went to work daily by the Shamshuipo Ferry. On Wednesday the elderly Chinese mentioned in connection with the first charge, spoke to the defendant about his language, but was in turn abused and challenged to fight.

On registering a conviction, his Worship said the defendant must be a very brave man and should join one of the Chinese armies.

His Worship complimented the first complainant upon his action and described his deed as an example which might well be emulated by the younger generation.

The defendant was fined \$50 on the first count and \$100 on the second, the alternative being three months on the two charges.

But Mr. Gresswell is not so fantastic in his hopes as this might seem to imply. He does not expect to find under his lawn the crown of the Magna Charta monarch. He will be satisfied with a few decent nuggets if his spade should strike them.

Mrs. Gresswell looked rather wistfully at her garden, but she had no murmurs for the way its beauty was being despoiled. There will be no tennis for the Gresswells while this sterner business is forward. "But we neither of us care very much for tennis," she said quietly.

When asked how deep down, in her opinion, the men would have to dig before they reached a really rich vein of gold, Mrs. Gresswell replied, "Oh, about down to Australia."

WAR CLOUDS GATHERING.

CHIANG'S TROOPS MOVING SOUTH.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 14.—It is learned from military sources that Generals Chang Kai-shek, Fui, Pei Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen, leaders of the Kwangsi "Iron-side" coalition, are coming to Canton, in response to the call of General Chen T'ai-tong, for a military conference to put the finishing touches to the anti-Nanking campaign.

These Kwangsi leaders are expected to be in Canton in time to take part in the anti-Chiang Kai-shek demonstration and parade which will take place Saturday, May 16.

Following the formation of the Canton-Kwangsi coalition against Nanking, General Chen T'ai-tong has long been wanting to have a conference with the leaders in Kwangsi to decide upon methods of procedure in the prosecution of a war against the Central Government. It is the desire of the Canton Commander-in-Chief that there should be no more enmity between the two Kwangs, in the revolt against Nanking. It has been pointed out that unless the military forces of the two Kwangs are united, the chances of ousting Chiang Kai-shek are slight indeed.

Movement of Troops.

Reports are current in Canton that Kwangsi troops are pouring into Kwangtung in large numbers through Siwoi, Lawhow and Ling-shan along the northern parts of the Province on their way to southern Hunan and Kiangsi, towards which Chiang Kai-shek's trusted forces are moving. At first they decided to march into Hunan through Kweilin and Chunchow, but later gave up this idea in preference to the much shorter and easier route through northern Kwangtung. These Kwangsi troops will not come to Canton in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Kwangtung will be left to the Cantonese under General Chen T'ai-tong.

Military Strength to be Increased.
General Chen T'ai-tong is making preparations to increase his military strength from three to six divisions. He has dispatched a large number of his subordinates to the outlying and remote districts of Kwangtung to get new recruits for his armies, no limit being attached to the number of men wanted for military service. The Commander-in-Chief has also ordered various district magistrates to hire as many coolies as possible to carry war supplies for the different armies. These coolies are to be sent to the Military Headquarters in Canton to be disposed of. Each magistrate is requested to get no less than 300 and as many more as he can.

With the approach of civil war, the Canton authorities are again resorting to rigid precautionary measures. Search for illicit firearms and contraband of war is constantly going on in the streets of Canton. The commander of Fort Bowen Tigris, General Chen Hing-wan, has been ordered to search any ship showing the slightest suspicion of passing the fort on its way to Canton or any other city in the interior of Kwangtung. This is a necessary adjunct to the protection of Kwangtung, according to the local military authorities, as Chiang Kai-shek has commandeered a large number of ships in Shanghai for transportation of troops and supplies to the South to cope with the situation.

PEOPLE'S CONVENTION AND CANTON.

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

NANKING, May 14.—In dealing with the Canton "affair" the following resolution, proposed by a number of overseas Chinese delegates, was passed at today's plenary session of the People's Convention:

The Resolution.

"The People's Convention will wire to General Chen T'ai-tong drawing his attention to the Kuomintang party discipline whereby political differences should be straightened through the party organ. Moreover, a military man would be overstepping his duties if he interferes in politics."

FIGHTING AT WHAMPOA.

PEACE MAINTENANCE CORPS DEFEATED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 14.—The 4th Regiment of the Peace Maintenance Corps of Kwangtung, first organized by General Chen Ming-shu and captured by General Au Yang-kui, which was stationed in Whampoa, notified and was dismissed by General Chen T'ai-tong just before sunrise this morning, after an exchange of volleys.

This regiment as well as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd refused to submit to the orders of General Chen T'ai-tong, who wanted to reorganize it. They had remained loyal to General Chen Ming-shu, and consequently, Chiang Kai-shek. It was natural that General Chen T'ai-tong could not and would not stand for this.

Yesterday the Master of the Canton situation sent a representative to Whampoa to demand their submission. Four gunboats with Marines on board were also sent there to keep a close watch on the apparently defective regiment. Yet, notwithstanding this overwhelming force and superior pressure, the regiment showed no signs of yielding. The only alternative for the leaders of the Canton revolt was to disarm them by force.

At dawn this morning after sharp fighting they were disarmed. The casualties suffered by both sides are not yet known.

The fighting has inspired the public with fear, and the value of the Government banknotes dropped from 68 to 74 per cent. in reaction to the situation.

Later Message.

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

CANTON, May 14.—The latest message to hand states that fighting was still going on at noon to-day but it is believed that no success has been gained on the part of the Canton Government forces which are in overwhelming odds against their enemy.

"Fathian" Delayed.

The Hong Kong-Canton steamer Fathian, which should have left Canton for Hong Kong this morning, was compelled to postpone her sailing until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

STOWAWAY IN COURT.

TO BE SENT BACK TO SHANGHAI.

A CANADIAN MISSING.

Edward Yaroms, a Latvian, was produced before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of stowing away from Shanghai on the Jardine steamer Pooshing.

It was stated in court that the agents of the ship had undertaken to send him back North on the s.s. Hopsang, which was due to sail on Monday.

His Worship remarked that it would be of no use keeping the defendant in goal and accordingly ordered him to be kept in the custody of the police until the departure of the ship.

Warrant for Canadian's Arrest.

A warrant for the arrest of Henry Lee, who stowed away recently on board the s.s. Bremerhaven from Hong Kong to Rabaul, was issued by Mr. Hamilton yesterday when the defendant failed to appear before the court.

The defendant, who had been allowed out on bail, on the prospect of securing employment or alternatively of arrangements being made for his repatriation to Canada, was to have appeared on remand this morning, but when the case was called it was stated by Sgt. Pearson that the defendant had even failed to report himself at the Passports Office on Wednesday, as he had been requested to do.

Three Chinese who stowed away on board the s.s. Norviken from Singapore were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

DEATH OF REV. BRO. SYLVESTER.

FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

The Old Boys of St. Joseph's College will learn with regret of the death of Rev. Bro. Sylvester, Director of the College from 1904 to 1908.

The deceased Brother taught in several of the Brothers' Colleges in England and spent the last two years of his active career in the Brothers' Industrial School, Edinburgh. At the beginning of the present year, owing to failing health, he was transferred to the House of Retreat, Queen's Co., Ireland, where he passed away.

KAI TACK GRANT.

APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEW BILL INTRODUCED.

The following motion, was proposed by the Hon. Colonial Secretary at a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday. It was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Treasurer and was approved:—

"That this Council approves of the expenditure in the year 1923 from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$892,783, in respect of the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome, such sum being recoverable from the first instalment of the contribution made by the Imperial Government."

There were present at the meeting:—

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.).
The Officer Commanding the Troops, Col. C. R. U. Seville, D.S.O., O.B.E.

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. E. Taylor).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Inspector General of Police).

Hon. Dr. W. B. R. Moore.

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Mr. N. L. Smith (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Motion Explained.

In proposing the motion, Hon. Mr. Southern said:—

On September 23, 1923, this Council approved, as will be within the recollection of honourable members, the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome at an estimated cost of \$1,680,467, exclusive of contributions from His Majesty's Government; and at the same time authorized the sum of \$1,080,288.74 of that amount to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan and to be expended from loan funds during the financial year 1928. Simultaneously an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$78,114.17 was authorized in respect of the financial year 1928.

The Imperial grant of £70,000, realising \$692,783, was spent in the year 1928 but was not actually brought to account until January 1929. The Resolution which I am about to propose is therefore necessary in order to legalize the expenditure of the equivalent of that contribution which, so far as the year 1928 is concerned, is in excess of the sum authorized by the September 1923 Resolution.

New Bill.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a "Bill to amend the law relating to the Registration of Births and Deaths."

In doing so, he said:—"As explained in the memorandum of 'Objects and Reasons,' the object of this Bill is two fold. The first is to transfer from the Sanitary to the Medical Department the duty of registration of births and deaths and the second is to enable provisions to be made of giving early information to the American Consul of deaths of United States citizens. The Bill also provides for a uniform fee of 85 being paid in the case of late registration of a birth."

The Bill was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and passed its first reading.

Other Bills.

The following Bills passed through their second and third readings:—

"A Bill to amend the law relating to Bankruptcy."

"A Bill to amend further the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1890."

"A Bill to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923."

A Bill to amend the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1917."

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW BY S.C.A.

EFFECT OF NEW CHINESE TARIFFS.

An interesting review of labour conditions in the Colony during 1930 is contained in the report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs which has just been published. The report states *inter alia*:—

The year 1930 saw a certain increase in the number of labour disputes, details of which are given below. It remains true that most of the guilds are financially embarrassed, the hard times through which the workers of the Colony are passing having caused subscriptions to fall into arrears.

A great proportion of the workers in Hong Kong are paid on a piece-work basis, and such categories as regular and casual workers are hardly applicable to conditions in many trades here, where men are engaged and rewarded by curiously complicated systems.

Lower Wages.

Wages have, so far as can be seen, tended downward, trade having been bad for the whole of the period under review. This fact, together with the increasing price of commodities consequent on the low exchange value of the dollar, was the cause of the more serious labour disputes; though the price of the cheaper grades of rice, the staple of the lowest paid section of the population, has not increased in proportion to other commodities. There has been no appreciable movement in house rents.

That there has been much unemployment, especially among unskilled workers, is certain. It has probably been greater than in the immediately preceding years, but figures are impossible to obtain, and it is even doubtful how far the fact is due to the condition of the Colony, and how far to the distracted state of the interior.

Trade Dull.

Trade continued dull throughout the year and most of the factories in the Colony worked at much below their full capacity. The knitting factories—making hosiery and cotton underwear—are the largest employers of women and girls and the number of these factories is increasing. Perfumery, confectionery and cigarette factories also afford light and congenial employment to large numbers of women. The number of children employed shows no tendency to increase. With trade in an almost stagnant condition there is no need to engage new hands, but should trade improve it is to be expected that children would again be taken on as learners. The number of children regularly employed in factories does not exceed 100. These are mostly working in knitting factories. No European firms employ children under the age of fifteen years.

Factory Regulations.

The regulations governing the employment of women at night were strengthened during the year by further limiting the hours of employment. Night work, i.e., between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. is now prohibited for women and all young persons under the age of eighteen years. This measure did not meet with the approval of certain Chinese owners of knitting factories who petitioned the Government asking that the regulation be relaxed to allow night work in these factories when thought necessary. They claimed that owing to slackness of trade they were unable to maintain a steady output and the uncertainties of exchange made it impossible for them to keep a large stock of goods on hand. Over-time and night work were, therefore, necessary to enable them to cope with orders as they were received. The petition was not granted. Another change effected during the year was that the minimum age for admission of children to factories was raised from 10 to 12 years. (Continued on next column.)

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

CROUCHER & CO.'S DAILY REPORT.

A recrudescence of strong buying in all the speculative counters, both for cash and forward delivery, marked the day's trading.

Investment stocks were for the most part neglected, shares being unobtainable at quoted rates.

Wharves are up half a point at \$163.50 and Providents changed hands at \$5.85.

Humphreys are wanted at \$17.25. Lands eased to \$90.75.

Movements in Utilities were chiefly confined to China Lights which closed firm at \$29.50, buyers for June and \$29.00 cash.

Green Island Cements came into request in the morning at \$10.30 cash \$20 August, and soon improved to \$10.60 cash \$20 July, a large quantities changing hands at these rates. The undertone is firm.

After the previous day's heavy dealings in Hotels, a slight reaction was expected but renewed buying again raised the market into new high ground, closing at \$18 July and \$17.00 cash.

Watsons are better at \$14.

Ropes changed hands at the improved rate of \$24.10, and Lane, Crawfords were shot across the table at \$8.50.

Underwriters, after opening at \$5.50 cash \$5.75 was bid and finally shares were changing hands \$5.90 without inducing many sellers.

These two measures mark an important step forward in local industrial legislation.

Seven prosecutions were instituted during the year under the Industrial Employment of Women and Children Ordinance. Five of these were brought by this department against Chinese factory owners for working women at night: two were Police cases against Chinese shopkeepers for compelling children to carry unduly heavy loads. Convictions were obtained in each case with fines ranging from twenty-five to fifty dollars.

Fewer Accidents.

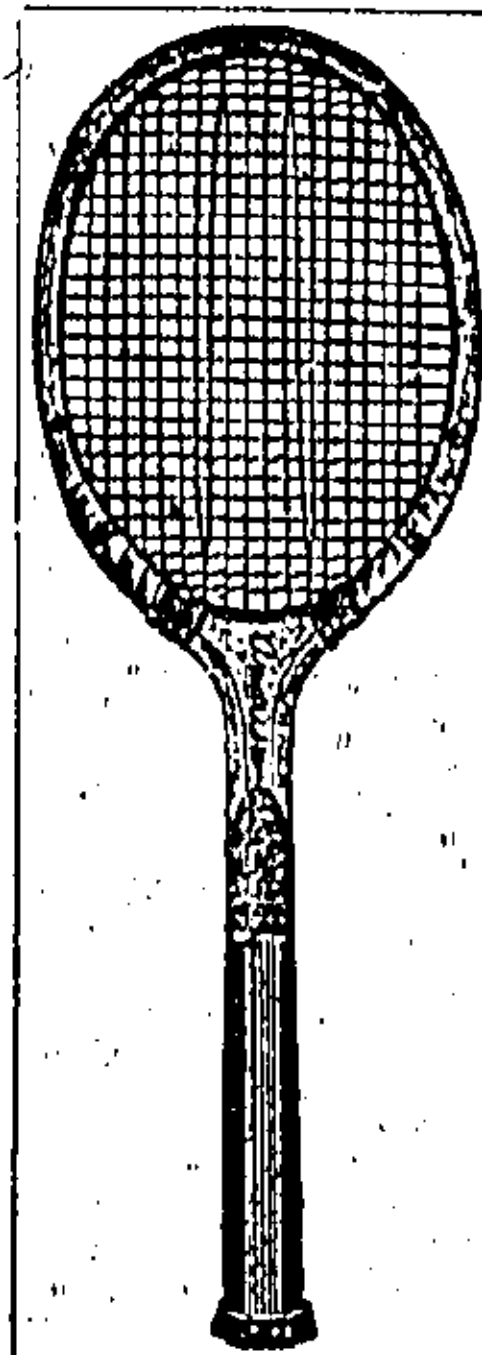
The total number of accidents in factories was 73 of which 7 were fatal, as compared with 83 (8 fatal) for the preceding year. The majority of accidents occurred in shipbuilding yards and were chiefly due to falls from staging or into ships' holds. Only one accident concerned a woman, this being a welcome change from former years, when before the fencing of machinery was made compulsory, scalding accidents amongst women in factories were frequent.

At the request of the Empire Cantoning Council an investigation was made into the canning industry in this Colony and the possibilities of its expansion on the lines of a questionnaire sent out by the Council. Hong Kong possesses a small trade in canned goods but enters chiefly for the native market. Any attempt to extend the industry could succeed only if accompanied by modern methods of production and certified standards of quality and purity. The information gathered during the enquiry was forwarded to the Cantoning Council for their consideration.

New Factories.

New factories started during the past year include a branch of a well-known cigarette firm, a lead pencil works, and a shipyard, all under European supervision. An interesting innovation is the opening of a factory under joint Chinese-Japanese management for the manufacture of gramophone records. A large coal briquetting plant commenced operations during the year and a brewery is in course of formation. Thus this industrialization of the Colony is steadily proceeding in spite of the general trade depression, and with a return to normal conditions Hong Kong may expect its share of the trade revival that should follow.

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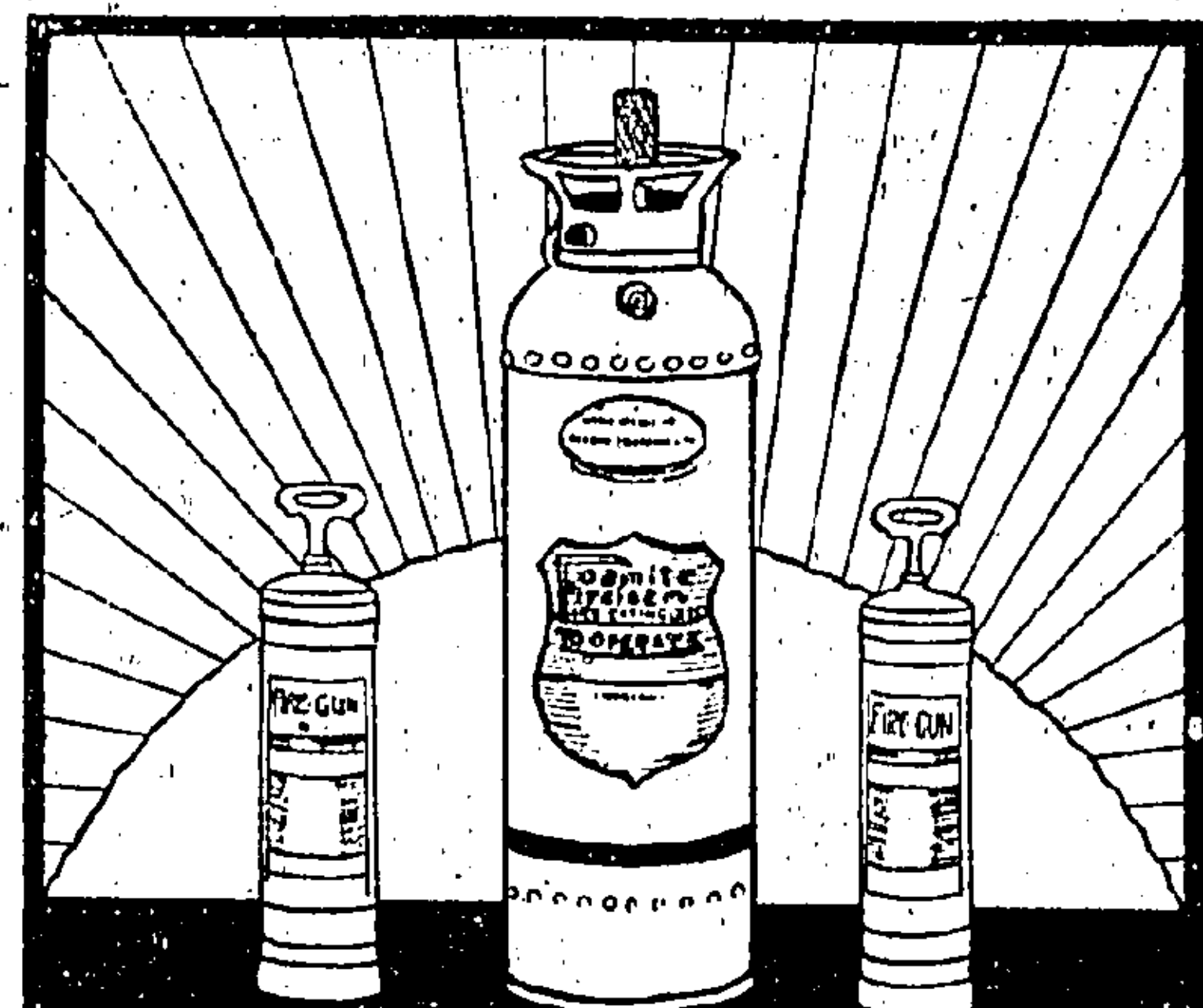
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By Order of the Stewards.

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the CLUB HOUSE, HAPPY VALLEY, on WEDNESDAY, 27th MAY, 1931, at 5.15 P.M.

All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the VOTING MEMBERS of the HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on the 27th day of MAY, 1931, immediately after the Half-yearly Meeting of the Voting Members when the adjourned resolution will be proposed:—

"THAT Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Club be altered by deleting therefrom the words 'Ordinary Members may be unlimited in number' and substituting therefor the words 'The number of Ordinary Members shall be one thousand two hundred or such greater number as the Voting Members shall from time to time determine'."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the VOTING MEMBERS of the Club will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTEENTH day of JUNE, 1931, at a quarter past Five O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931. [735]

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th May, 1931. [721]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on TUESDAY, the 19th MAY, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1931.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th MAY, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 28th April, 1931. [662]

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.20 p.m., stated:—

Depressions are shown over north-east and south-west China and an anti-cyclone to the north-east of Japan.

Local Forecast:—South-west winds, moderate; generally overcast; rain, fog.

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THE SPANISH RIOTS.

The trouble in Spain seems, so far, to be of a sporadic nature. The people have turned out the King and his ministers, and they feel very proud of themselves. Fireworks are inevitable at such a time, and the destruction of a number of convents is regrettable but not significant, as the nuns have neither weapons nor votes. Madrid has shown that these celebrations die down as quickly as they arise when the cafes re-open and the aspirants to liberty and self-government decide that they would like another spell of ordinary life. The Government is to "prosecute" King Alfonso, and if only it can get the country interested in the proceedings, it will be an excellent move and keep people amused and occupied. To lay proceedings against a king always makes an appeal to the dramatic, and though an empty dock is a disadvantage, it does not prevent the production of revelations that will set every one diligently reading the newspapers.

The danger in most people's mind is lest Spain should follow Russia's example and go Bolshevik, with President ZARORA in the thankless role of KERENSKY. No doubt the international rift of revolution is busy in Spain, and every effort is being made to rouse the passions of the mob and to create a proletarian despotism. But the conditions in Spain are, however, entirely different from those in Russia in 1917. The Spanish people are not suffering from wrongs. A few politicians and obstructionists have been guided these last few years, but the country at large has gone ahead in material prosperity during the Alfonso dictatorships. The Army appears to be loyal to the new Government, and the Spanish Army is a steady force, seasoned in the Moroccan wars. If this childish rioting continues, no doubt some general, rather than a back stairs agitator, will be installed as Dictator.

In Russia, it must be remembered, the Army was maddened by perpetual defeats and by the gross betrayals of high Command. The men had fought the invaders with sticks and stones; they were, on certain sectors, almost starving, and a small minority of leaders were known to be quietly feathering their nests. When the confusion was at its height a party of able and determined agitators were sent to Russia to seize power and betray the country.

In Spain there is no raw material of misery and wrong out of which another Trotsky might form a Red Army and a Lenin a proletarian oligarchy. There is a Communist movement, but no secret police on the old Russian scale ready to be transformed into a still more relentless Oppu. Casual mobs, whose units go home to supper and bed, do not make social revolutions, like that of France and Russia. Spain may split up into half a dozen nations, or into a loose confederation of states, but her sturdy peasants and artisans, her priests and shop keepers will soon be taking up the old life. They will expect, now

that they govern themselves, to be more free and more prosperous than of old, and when they find that life is less, and not more, comfortable than before, they will grumble, vote capriciously and turn out endless cabinets, until some new form of dictatorship is evolved.

BRITAIN'S SECOND BEST MARKET.

The financial crisis through which Australia is passing is reflected on every page of a report by Mr. R. W. DALTON, Senior Trade Commissioner in the Commonwealth, on economic and trade conditions. Mr. DALTON has felt it his duty to trace in their logical sequence the events which led to the present crisis. Chief among them he ranks the post-war policy of supplementing earned income by heavy borrowing.

The result was that imports were maintained by borrowings at a level far higher than was justified by the country's earnings from its own efforts. These imports, too, provided another fund of wealth in that, being coincident with a high tariff policy, they produced a revenue far in excess of normal proportions. This, Mr. DALTON explains, led to extravagance in various directions. To meet the steadily mounting costs of production more and more assistance was given to industries from seemingly ample reserves.

Then came the fall in prices seriously affecting Australia's primary products, wool and wheat. It became vitally necessary to restrict borrowings and to curtail imports. Such relief as these measures gave was offset by the fact that the absence of borrowed money, combined with low prices for Australian produce, caused a heavy reduction in the purchasing power of the people.

Mr. DALTON does not foresee any prospect of better times for a considerable period ahead. He expresses the view that before a balance between exports and imports can be struck the latter will have to be still further reduced. This, however, would present added difficulties in further heavy reductions in revenue.

On the other hand, an increase in export quantities would necessitate a large increase in production, which in the best of circumstances would require considerable time.

Moreover, it has become clear, and is persistently being repeated by producing interests, that costs of production are so high that in existing price conditions, and even in much more favourable price conditions in many cases, production is unprofitable. Consequently not only is there now little urge to increase production, but there will be little until costs of production are much reduced. This again will require considerable time.

United Kingdom manufacturers must accept the fact that what was their second largest export market will offer a very much reduced demand for their products over a number of years.

The reduction of total trade should serve as an incentive to greater effort on the part of United Kingdom manufacturers, not only to retain their share in proportion to that reduction, but to increase that share so that their total losses may be less. If that is done, the end of the present crisis will see United Kingdom trade more firmly established in competition with other supplying countries than it was at the beginning.

Britain Building Fewer Ships.

Statistics issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping of vessels under construction at the end of March record that in Great Britain and Ireland there is a decrease of 215,088 tons in the works in hand as compared with the figures for last December, and that the present total, 603,814 tons, is 921,170 tons less than the tonnage which was being built at the end of March, 1930. This decrease is the largest ever recorded during any twelve months, with the exception of the year 1922, when, following the completion of the large shipbuilding programme due to the war, there was an abnormal decline in the tonnage then under construction.

★ News and Views ★

Making Fun of a Census.

Facetious answers to questions kept the Lyons police very busy during the recent census in France. They had to call at 3,000 homes to insist that the residents should retract fantastic statements which they had written on their forms.

30,000 Canadians to be Prosecuted.

Mr. Landis, the U.S. Immigration Commissioner at Montreal, confirms the report that deportation proceedings will be instituted against 30,000 Canadians living in the New England States who have entered illegally. The law under which action will be taken was passed two years ago.

Rare Collection of Records.

An appeal is being made to the French Government to help the Institute of Phonetics to extend one of the most curious libraries in the world—the "Library of Sound." The institute is housed in a spacious building in Rue Bernardin, and its archives are highly valued by all students of languages. In the library there is a great collection of gramophone records of the voices of famous men and women, of examples of obscure dialects, and of the folk songs of many lands. The saying that a prophet is without honour in his own country appears to apply, however, to some extent to M. Hubert Pernot, a professor of the Sorbonne, and the very able sound-librarian of the institute. It was he who made a collection of records of Roumanian folk songs in 1928, of Czech-Slovak songs in 1929, and of Greek songs last year. Many foreign Governments have sent subscriptions to the institute in respect of this work, but M. Pernot has not received much official help in France. There are many old French songs and peasant tales which he is anxious to capture before they are forgotten.

More Army Recruits.

The War Office announces that the number of recruits obtained for the regular army during the financial year ended March 31, 1931, was 31,623, which compares with 26,238 the previous year. During the last two months it has been necessary to place restrictions on the intake of recruits for many arms of the service other than the infantry, in order to ensure that the authorised establishments should not be exceeded. These restrictions have been removed since April 1, when all arms commenced recruiting for the requirements for the ensuing year, and unrestricted recruiting for all branches of the army is now proceeding. There has been a marked improvement in the number of recruits during the past six months, especially for the infantry of the line. If this improvement is continued the deficiency which exists in this branch of the army will be materially reduced.

A.A.A. and Broadcasting.

A clause debarring an amateur athlete from writing, lecturing, or broadcasting for payment was added to the laws of the Amateur Athletic Association at their annual meeting in London. Bevil Rudd, discussing the new law in an article says that it does little to clarify the anomalous position that exists. "A man may win a useless prize," he states, "but he must not write a useful article."

Listener Wants Money Back.

The B.B.C. is reported to be well satisfied with the reports of Northern listeners on reception since the Manchester wave-length change. Listeners were invited to send comments to London on the Moorside Edge tests and the subsequent steps towards the inclusion of the North in the regional scheme, and these have accepted that invitation freely. A hundred or two hundred letters a day have been received in London expressing with few exceptions satisfaction. Only have a dozen letters a day have arrived at the Manchester station, and these contain the same proportion of complaints. One of the complainants was a man who argued that the Corporation had no right to use the new-length, on the general principle that things should "stay put." He demanded his licence money back, and was referred to the Post Office.

France and Her Empire.

Republican France has been quicker than Imperial England at exploiting the relation between modern economic necessities and the possession of a Colonial Empire. The exhibition in the Bois de Vincennes is not the only sign that France has discovered her colonies. The held French mind has not been slow to recognise the immense advantage which the home country derives from the existing French system of Empire Free Trade. The purchasing power of the French colonies is only one-third that of our own, and yet France actually sells to her colonies more merchandise than we sell to ours. Her colonial propaganda is intense. In every shop window in Paris attention is drawn to colonial goods. Here is a typical notice from the window of a Paris grocer: By coffee from the French colonies. The propaganda price is 5fr. 50 the kilo. There is no evidence of such intensive Empire advertisement in London.

A shout of "Hullo! Stop! I am all right," emerging from a small hole at the top of a huge mound of snow, told the rescuers that Mr. Comtauld was alive.

The need of co-operation between the British and Dutch Governments in regard to the conduct of the rubber industry was emphasised by Mr. J. G. Hay, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Rubber Growers' Association held in London yesterday.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following donation towards the funds of the Home—Royal Naval Recreation Club (per Comdr. E. G. Morris, R.N., H.M.S. Tamar) \$50.

The number of persons reported to the Leung Kuk as missing during 1930 was 35 of whom 2 were found as compared with 58 and 7 in 1929. Twelve names were added to the list of girls under bond. The number of names on the list on December 31 was 36.

A "cat" burglar was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labour when convicted by a constable climbing into 179, Reclamation Street from a waterpipe. The constable rushed up to the flat into which the "cat" burglar had disappeared and effected the man's arrest.

On the ground that there was no evidence to show that the birds were shot in the Colony, a Chinese, who was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with shooting five partridges, was discharged. The man was arrested by a Chinese constable as he was leaving the railway station but the constable could not say where the man board the train. The defendant claimed that he bought the partridges in Sumatra.

The number of in-patients admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital during the year was 9,888 as against 8,810 in 1929 of whom 7,896 as against 6,915 in 1929 elected to receive western treatment and 1,060 as against 1,895 in 1929 native treatment. The number of out-patients was 140,221 as against 135,523 in 1929, 94,725 as against 94,067 in 1929 under native and 45,536 as against 41,191 in 1929 under western treatment.

The report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for 1930 states that the revenue for that department derived from all sources during the year \$20,176.00 and the expenditure was \$138,372.00.

The number of in-patients at the Tung Wah Hospital and Man Mo Temple, treated during 1930 was 12,223 as against 12,326 in 1929 of whom 6,075 as against 7,107 in 1929 came under western treatment and 6,548 as against 5,219 in 1929 under native treatment. The number of out-patients was 229,155 as against 207,437 in 1929 of whom 190,220 as against 186,178 in 1929 attended the herbal clinic and 38,935 as against 21,259 in 1929 the western clinic.

The following list of persons authorised by the Governor under the Medical Registration Ordinance, to sign medical certificates of the cause of death for the purposes of the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, is published:—Au Si Cham, L.M.S.H.; Chiu Hin Yeung, Diploma, Government Medical College, Tientsin; Chung Yik Sun, L.M.S.H.; Ho Ko Tsun, L.M.S.H.; Jau Hawk, M.D., University of Oregon, U.S.A.; Kwan King Leung, L.M.S.H.; Lam Shing Kup, Diploma, Government Medical College, Tientsin; Lam Yun Hae, L.M.S.H.; Lee Yin Sze, L.M.S.H.; Lee Ying Yau, L.M.S.H.; Luk Chuen Huen, Diploma, Government Medical College, Tientsin; Ma Yuk, L.M.S.H.; Souza, E. L. de, L.M.S.H.; Wong Pak Fu, L.M.S.H.

Looking Back 25 Years.

A Marine Court was held at the Harbour Office yesterday to inquire into the circumstances connected with the foundering of the s.s.

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The death has occurred in Ireland. Rev. Bro. Sylvester, formerly Director of St. Joseph's College. Page 7.
A vote of over six lakhs for the Kai Tak Aerodrome was approved at yesterday's Legislative Council. Page 7.
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At a meeting of the Twenty-Four Trade Guilds' Association held yesterday evening, which was presided over by Mr. To Sze Tien, a prominent Chinese merchant, it was decided to present the views of members of the association to the Government on the question of the Colony's currency. Page 6.
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In the International football match between France and England, France won by 5 goals to two. Page 10.

Latest Cables.

Martial law has been declared throughout Andalusia. Page 9.
The Bank of England discount is 2½ per cent. Page 9.
Sir Thomas Lipton has been elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron. Page 9.
Two British engineers are reported to have been seriously injured during yesterday's rioting in Egypt. Page 9.
The North China Daily News learns that Mr. Sun Fo has decided to resign his position as Minister of Railways. Page 9.
The Government has decided to seize all ex-King Alfonso's possessions, alleging that he employed his position to enrich himself. Page 9.
M. Laval states that the vote at the National Assembly is in no way interpretable as directed against the foreign policy of Government of recent years, which Parliament constantly ratified. Page 9.
Two commissioners have been served on the ex-auditor of the R.M.S.P. Company, Mr. Harold John Morland, who is charged with aiding and abetting Lord Klynsant in issuing a false statement of accounts in the years 1926 and 1927. Page 9.
Over 500 buildings have been razed to the ground, including a bank, post office, town hall, temple, and theatre, and 2,800 people rendered homeless whilst 50 people are missing, as the result of a fire which broke out at Shiranemehi, Nigata Prefecture. Page 9.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the Company, Hong Kong Bank Building, 44, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 22nd DAY of MAY, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1930 and of electing Directors and Auditors.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1931. [691]

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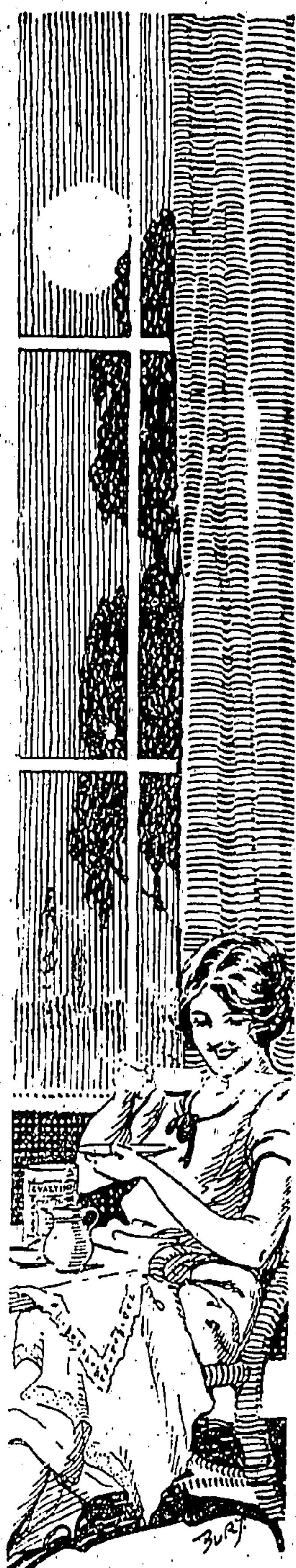
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 15th MAY, 1931, to 22nd MAY, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HERBERT R. STURT,
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Hong Kong, 11th May, 1931. [727]

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PARIS, May 13.
The result of the first ballot for President was:—
M. Doumer 442
M. Briand 401
M. Hennessey 15
M. Chassagnon (Comp. minor) 10
M. Doumergue 7
As M. Doumer is only 10 votes short of election by an absolute majority, the prospects of M. Briand in the second ballot are regarded as black. It is already rumoured that M. Briand will withdraw his candidature. The name of M. Herriot as a dark horse is now mentioned.

M. Briand Withdraws.

VERSAILLES, May 13.
M. Briand has withdrawn his candidature and is going to Geneva to-morrow.

Result.

The voting on the second ballot was as follows:—
M. Doumer 556
Senator Marraud 330
Majority 226

M. Hennessey withdrew his candidature.

Corrected Figures.

The official corrected figures are:—
M. Doumer 504
Senator Marraud 334

"A Rock Which Nothing Could Move."

M. Paul Doumer is 74 and has the reputation of being the most imposing man in France. Mr. Lloyd George has described him as a "rock" which nothing could move.

He was the unsuccessful candidate for the Presidency a quarter of a century ago and was a former Minister under M. Briand; his chief opponent today. He was formerly Governor-General of Indo-China and President of the Chamber of Deputies twice.

Began Work at Age of Twelve.

Later.
In addition to the votes cast for M. Doumer and M. Marraud there were 41 among the ten other candidates, headed by M. Painleve, with 13, and 10 spoiled papers.

M. Doumer is a navy's son and began work at the age of 12 as a typewriter. He began his political career as a Radical in 1888 and was one of the first deputies to advocate income tax.

He lost four sons in the War and represents, like M. Doumergue, a tradition of level-headed non-partisan statesmanship. He is extremely young for his age, although he is 74.

German Regret.

BERLIN, May 13.
Remarkable expressions of regret are evoked at M. Briand's defeat. It is publicly felt that if he resolved to resign the Foreign Ministry the possibility of which was debated in political circles to-night, and withdrew from politics as a consequence, it would be a serious loss to Europe.

"Politicians of his kind are rare in post-war Europe," says the *Vossische Zeitung*. "Nobody in Europe knows who could succeed him."

Not to Resign.

PARIS, May 13.
M. Briand states that he does not intend to resign from the Foreign Ministry.

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M. Briand, in a statement in the Radical Socialist newspaper *Republique*, says: "I shall continue to manage foreign affairs as long as I have a majority in the Chamber and Senate."

Government's Foreign Policy Not at Fault.

LATER.
M. Laval states that the vote at the National Assembly is in no way interpretable as directed against the foreign policy of Governments of recent years, which Parliament constantly ratified. Moreover, the present Cabinet must formally resign on June 13, when the new President of the Republic will enter office.

M. Laval might therefore ask M. Briand to defer his decision until then. This will enable M. Briand to participate in important negotiations at Geneva, notably in regard to the Austro-German Customs Union, as Foreign Minister and Permanent Delegate of France to the League.

En Route to Geneva.

LATER.
M. Briand tendered his resignation this morning but has agreed to the urgent request of his colleagues to withdraw it.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LATER.
M. Briand who offered to withdraw his resignation will go to-night to Geneva, but he declared that he will not remain till the end of the negotiations.

LORD KYLSANT SUMMONED.

CIRCULATION OF FALSE REPORTS ALLEGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 13.
Routier was informed at Lord Kylesant's house to-day that two summonses granted by the Magistrate at the Mansion House had been served on him to-day in connection with the affairs of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, returnable for June 2.

The Attorney-General stated in the House of Commons recently that the affairs of the Royal Mail Co. were subject to investigation.

Emphatic Denial.

LONDON, May 13.
Lord Kylesant said that the allegation was that he circulated false annual reports for 1926 and 1927 in order to mislead shareholders. He entirely denied the allegations and would fight the case to the hilt. He had no fear of the result.

Summonses Served on Ex-Auditor.

LONDON, May 14.
Two summonses have been served on the ex-auditor of the R.M.S.P. Company, Mr. Harold John Morland, who is charged with aiding and abetting Lord Kylesant in issuing a false statement of accounts in the years 1926 and 1927. Mr. Morland declined to discuss the matter.

White Star Line's Affairs.

A message dated Feb. 12 stated: [At the White Star meeting to-day, Sir William McIntosh, whom the Trade Facilities Act advisory committee instructed to examine the position of the companies in the group, said that the White Star Co.'s assets were estimated at £8,304,000, and the liabilities at £4,442,000, which meant that the whole of the ordinary share capital was lost.

The deficiency amounted to £3,862,000.

He said that the voting trustees considered that the White Star Co. paid an extravagant price when it took over the Royal Mail contract for the purchase of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, with a capital of £7,000,000; also, that too large a proportion of capital had been raised by preference shares bearing fixed interest.

The book value of the Royal Mail Steam Packet fleet and investments largely exceeded the present estimated value.

At a subsequent meeting the Royal Mail Steam Packet debenture holders, by a large majority, consented to a moratorium on the raising of £250,000 by new debentures.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet recovered to 71 per cent. on weekly Councils' opinion that the liability was limited.]

Lord Kylesant, who is 68, is Chairman and Managing Director of the R.M.S.P., the White Star Line, and the Union Castle Line. He was created a Baron in 1923.

BANK DISCOUNT RATE.

SUFFICIENT GOLD IN BRITAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 14.
The Bank of England discount is 2½ per cent.

It is thought that the bank rate reduction will not affect trade as the effective market rate has been about 2½ per cent. for some time.

The reduction is regarded as indicating that the Bank of England considers the present gold holdings of about £148,000,000 sufficient.

SILVER FUTURES.

AMERICAN PROPOSAL APPROVED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 13.
The Board of the National Metal Exchange has approved a proposal for trade in silver futures and a beginning is expected on June 15. The contract unit will be 25,000 ounces, at 99.9 fineness, and price movement will be in one-hundredth cents.

CHANCELLOR ILL.

ANXIETY OVER BUDGET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 13.
Mr. Philip Snowden has had a serious setback in health. He probably overstrained himself in introducing the Budget after his illness.

MR. COURTAULD'S ORDEAL.

"HALLO! STOP! I AM ALL RIGHT."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANGRAVALIK, May 14.
A shout of "Hallo! Stop! I am all right," emerging from a small hole at the top of a huge mound of snow, told the rescuers that Mr. Courtauld was alive.

Mr. Watkins' party of three after they had toiled many days in the snow and ice located an enormous ice-covered snow drift in which Mr. Courtauld's hut was found. A little hole which was serving as a chimney was shouted down and the party breathlessly awaited a reply.

The cheery response came immediately and the rescuers with spades, in a quarter of an hour, dug out Mr. Courtauld, thin but fit.

Mr. Courtauld related that a blizzard two months earlier had buried the hut and it was impossible to dig himself out, among other things because he left his spade outside. The only air inlet was a chimney which he constantly worked at to keep open. He had been through a lightless month except for an occasional glimmer of a little petrol lamp which he used to melt the snow for drinking water. He spent the time sleeping, thinking and "keeping up his pecker."

ROYAL YACHT CLUB.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON ELECTED A MEMBER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 14.
Sir Thomas Lipton has been elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

MUI TSAI IN HONG KONG.

INSPECTORS TO BE APPOINTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 13.
In the House of Commons to-day Mr. H. Graham White (Labour, Birkenhead, East) asked whether the administration of Hong Kong proposed to appoint an Inspector or Inspectors to watch over the treatment of *mui tai* in Hong Kong.

Dr. Shields said that the Governor had informed Lord Passfield that he was submitting proposals for such an appointment.

In reply to a further question he said that there was no evidence of the registration of *mui tai* being evaded. If Mr. H. Graham White had any evidence of evasion Dr. Shields would be glad to receive it.

CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARIES.

BREACH OF FAITH: AND A HARDSHIP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 13.
The question of the salaries of Civil Servants in Hong Kong was raised in the House of Commons at question time to-day.

Dr. Drummond Shiels told Sir Robert Hamilton (Conservative, Orkney), that the total annual difference between salaries formerly paid on a sterling basis and now on the dollar basis was estimated at £20,000 annually on the salary bill of £450,000. The consent of the Civil Servants was not obtained to the alteration.

A Breach of Faith.

Mr. Ian MacPherson (Liberal, Ross and Cromarty) asked if it was not a breach of faith with the Civil Servants.

Dr. Shiels agreed that it was a difficult matter and a hardship. The Colonial Secretary had only reluctantly agreed to it, but the position of Hong Kong's finance was so serious that strong measures were necessary. However, the Finance and Currency Commission were at present examining the whole position in Hong Kong and Dr. Shiels hoped to have their report in a few months.

Mr. MacPherson pointed out that the dollar had fallen heavily in the last few years, and again asked if it was not a breach of faith.

Dr. Shiels said that a special arrangement was made to pay half the salary at the current exchange rate, which met the demand for remittances. Every effort was being made to meet the difficulties, and the matter would be reconsidered when the report was received.

FUTURE OF RUBBER INDUSTRY.

ANGLO-DUTCH CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 14.
The need of co-operation between the British and Dutch Governments in regard to the conduct of the rubber industry was emphasised by Mr. J. G. Hay, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Rubber Growers' Association held in London to-day.

He said there could be no effective control without such co-operation, but, "until some authoritative and unqualified assurances were received that the Dutch Government was prepared to consider legislation for the regulation of output and was willing to control native production, we can have no confident belief that our negotiations can reach a successful conclusion."

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS RESIGNS.

LIKELY VISIT TO CANTON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 14.
The *North China Daily News* learns that Mr. Sun Fo has decided to resign his position as Minister of Railways.

A message is being drawn up which he will forward to the capital in a day or two. It is also learned that Mr. Sun Fo is contemplating a visit to Canton.

NAVAL AGREEMENT.

GENEVA THE LAST HOPE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 13.
In the House of Commons to-day the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said that there had been no further written communications from the French and Italian Governments in connection with the Naval Agreement, although oral exchanges of views had taken place.

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DISASTROUS FIRE IN JAPAN.

2,500 PEOPLE RENDERED HOMELESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, May 14.
Over 500 buildings have been razed to the ground, including a bank, post office, town hall, temple, and theatre, and 2,500 people rendered homeless whilst 30 people are missing, as the result of a fire which broke out at Shiranemachi, Niigata Prefecture.

The fire, which is believed to be of incendiary origin, raged for six hours before it was brought under control.

Million and a Half Yen Damage.

LATER.

A report from Shiranemachi says that one person was burned to death, 20 seriously injured, and 50 slightly injured, and damage being caused to the extent of a million and a half yen, as the result of sparks blowing across the river and setting fire to a neighbouring village, reducing twenty houses to ashes.

BRITISH TRADE IN INDIA.

IRWIN-GANDHI AGREEMENT CRITICISED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 13.
In a debate on the India Office vote in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister (Conservative) drew attention to the serious effect of the boycott and picketing on British trade. He declared that not only was the Irwin-Gandhi agreement not being carried out in the letter, but no attempt was being made to carry it out, and the so-called truce was a delusion.

Sir Herbert Samuel (Liberal) said that the most important cause of the collapse of Lancashire Trade had undoubtedly been the Indian tariff duties and the Indian boycott. He invited the Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood-Been, to indicate the steps being taken to press on with the necessary measures to implement the conclusions of the Round Table Conference, for the sooner this was done the more likely it would be that the troubles in India would cease.

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EGYPTIAN ELECTION RIOTS.

WORKERS ON STRIKE: MANY RIOTERS KILLED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CAIRO, May 14.
The elections of the first degree delegates who eventually return Members of Parliament have opened.

This morning there was serious trouble in the Bulak and Shubra quarters where the railway and arsenal workers are on strike.

The mobs at Bulak attacked and burnt tramcars and buses, and also attempted to barricade the streets by pulling down lamp posts. The police were obliged to fire and it is reported that many rioters were killed.

The movement has spread to the Saptich quarter which is near the main railway station.

Two Britishers Injured.

LATER.

Two British engineers are reported to have been seriously injured in this morning's rioting.

The casualty list so far is 10 killed and 80 wounded.

tion of India could be improved the Lancashire cotton trade would benefit.

The total demand for cotton goods in India was nearly 4,000,000 yards, and as production of Indian mills was only 2,500,000 yards there was a big margin which would have to be filled from external sources, particularly as the demand for better quality of goods increased.

He emphasised the necessity of restraining extremists on both sides. The restoration of good relations between the two peoples was the first essential. Patience and courage in pursuit of peace were never more necessary.

Mill Owners Support Gandhi?

Mr. Winston Churchill said that the Imperial Parliament was responsible for the welfare of the peoples both of India and Britain, and until they parted with that responsibility they had power and lawful rights to act in the interests of both. He declared that the boycott and demands for prohibitive tariffs were directly injurious to the well being of the masses of India. There was scarcely any commodity whose exclusion from India would inflict more injury on the Indian people than cotton cloth. No class of capitalist in the world in this year of economic misfortune had made such vast profits as the Indian Mill-owners. This, coupled with the fact that conditions in Indian Mills were lamentably below those of other countries, entitled them to say that it was in the interests of the Indian people that this monopoly should be prevented. Indian mill-owners were financial supporters of Gandhi and provided the money behind the boycott.

The debate is proceeding.

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TENNIS LEAGUE.

NEW SYSTEM OF SCORING.

SEASON COMMENCING SOON.

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association was held yesterday, when many interesting matters came up for discussion. League competitions occupied principal attention, and after a good deal of deliberation, the Council favoured the adoption of a new system of scoring in League matches. For the current season, therefore, it has been decided to award two points for a win, and none, naturally, for a loss. The most important change decided, however, is that sets must not be carried beyond 4 all, at which stage each side is awarded a half set. There will thus be a possibility of a drawn match, with the score at 4-4 sets all. For a draw each side will be awarded a point.

Executive Committee.

The following were elected to serve with the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, in the Executive Committee—Messrs. R. E. Lindell, M. K. Lo, Ng Sze Kwong, C. P. F. James and C. F. Lee. It was decided to commence the League Season on Saturday, June 6.

SPALDING'S TENNIS BALLS.

Satisfactory Local Trials.

Spaldings have shown considerable enterprise in marketing a new type of ball, which should appeal to players.

An interesting feature about this new Spalding "H" thick wall type of ball is its very particular manufacture in England. The principle of manufacture relies more on the cover than on the pressure of air inside the ball. The thickness of the rubber underneath the cover has two distinct advantages for Tropical Climates. The first one is that since the temperature and heat existing in Tropical Climates affect the bounce of the ball very considerably and make it bounce higher than it would in England, it is necessary to have a counter action, and this is done by the use of the thick wall of rubber underneath the cover. The result being that the bounce is reduced to the normal extent of the ball received in England.

The second point of advantage about the ball is that it has most of its weight in the thickness of rubber underneath the outer cover rather than in the outer cover itself, the result being that its weight is maintained after many sets of play.

The fact that the British International Club Team in India chose this new Spalding "H" ball exclusively for its International Match in India within three months of this new principle being adopted, speaks for itself.

In the series of exhibition matches played last week specially for E. D. Andrews at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, this new type of Spalding's balls were used, and local players found them very satisfactory. Several clubs are already considering using these balls for the forthcoming League matches, while there is a possibility that they might be used in the next Open Singles and Doubles Championships of the Colony.

LAWN BOWLS.

PROBABLE TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following are the probable teams for Saturday in the Lawn Bowls League:

Club de Recreio.

Recreio senior team (home) v. Kowloon Dock at 4 p.m.—

Dr. R. A. C. Basto, A. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes and C. G. Silva (Skip).

E. L. Barros, P. A. Yvanovich, J. A. Gutierrez and C. E. Marques (Skip).

A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Sousa and R. F. Luz (Skip).

Recreio junior team (away) v. Kowloon C.C. at 3.30 p.m.—

F. Prata, J. M. S. Rosario, F. V. Ribeiro and J. G. Olorio (Skip).

A. Xavier, J. J. Basto, E. M. Remedios and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, A. V. Barros and F. X. Soares (Skip).

Kowloon Bowling G.C.

K.B.G.C. senior team (home) v. Civil Service—

J. Rodger, G. H. Sherriff, H. Nish and W. Russell (Skip).

R. S. Nichol, T. S. W. West, G. E. Roylance and D. F. Warren (Skip).

G. J. Chambers, E. Kern, E. W. L. Hogbin and L. Guy (Skip).

Reserve: A. W. E. Davidson.

K.B.G.C. junior team (away) v. Kowloon C.C.—

H. V. Stoddard, E. D. Labrousse, W. E. Hale and H. H. Rose (Skip).

C. S. Beat, C. Rodger, G. E. P. Thompson and W. B. Drake (Skip).

F. V. Whitla, W. Venables, J. C. Meyer, F. L. Rapley (Skip).

Reserve: B. Wyllie.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

TWO SINGLES MATCHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COPENHAGEN, May 13.

In the Davis Cup match here today Ulrich (Denmark) beat Mishu (Romania) 6-1, 6-1, 6-7 and Hensviksen (Denmark) beat Buica (Romania) 6-0, 6-2, 4-3.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

FRANCE BEAT ENGLAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, May 14.

In the international football match between France and England, France won by 5 goals to two.

WILLOW DISEASE AND CRICKET RATS.

FEW TREES OF THE RED SPECIES.

How many red willows are at present growing in England?

In a letter published in the London Morning Post recently Lieutenant-Colonel A. Vickers suggested that one of the diseases threatening the willow was old age, and that this could in part be remedied if cricketers would buy bats made of red willow. At present, he explained, the red willow is neglected, and is allowed to die of old age.

The manager of Stuart Surridge, Ltd., cricket bat manufacturers, declares that red willows would make excellent bats, but that very few are now growing. "Many years ago," he explained, "the public demanded white willow bats; and consequently growers concentrated on this species."

"The only cure for the present willow disease," he added, "is to cut down all the affected trees. Such an undertaking would give employment to large numbers of unemployed, and would rid the cricket bat industry of a very real menace."

THE WORLD'S OLDEST MAN.

ARRIVES IN LONDON.

London April 14.—The Oldest Man in the World is here.

Wrapped in a huge fur coat, reaching to his heels, Zara Agha, the Kurd from Constantinople, who claims to be 137 years of age, stepped ashore at Southampton today with the agility of a school boy. He had come from New York for his first visit to England. He intends to stay in London a few weeks before going back to Constantinople.

Zara's English is very, very limited.

This is what happened when someone asked him about the secret of old age.

"To what do you attribute your longevity," Mr. Agha, he said.

"Hullo," said Mr. Agha.

"Really? How interesting, Mr. Agha. You must have seen great changes in the world?"

"Good," said Mr. Agha.

"And, Mr. Agha, what is your opinion of the modern girl?"

"Thank you," said Mr. Agha.

Mr. Agha was still saying his piece of four words in a booming voice when his interpreter-manager appeared.

Then Mr. Agha said, his eyes twinkling in his wrinkled face:

"In New York I had a marvellous time. I went to jazz parties and did the town thoroughly. Now I want to see what London is like."

"No," he added rapidly, as though he had said it often before.

"I never drink or smoke and I live on a vegetable diet. I have no teeth now and a vegetable diet suits me. I feel more like 67 than 137, and sometimes I forget I am the world's greatest veteran. A true realisation of my age comes when I remember I have had eleven wives and have survived the lot excepted my present wife, whom I married four years ago. I have had 33 children, and three sets of teeth."

At this Mr. Agha paused to take breath.

Then one noticed his ears.

"Yes," said Mr. Agha, "per-

haps it is because I have heard so many millions of words in my long life that my ears are so big. They are 44 inches long. A doctor in Philadelphia told me that they were the largest ears he had ever seen."

—Evening Standard.

LISTENING-IN TO ENGLAND.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S PROGRAMME FROM CHELMSFORD.

CLEARLY HEARD IN HONG KONG.

The following programme, relayed by Chelmsford yesterday morning, has been supplied by a local listener-in:

The programme opened with the last of fortnightly talks by Sir Daniel Hall of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The subject was "Fruit Farming." The speaker urged listeners to look for the "National Mark," a stamp depicting England a map of and Wales on brands of bottled fruit and wines.

He compared American methods of packing imported fruit with the former methods used in Great Britain, and spoke of the very much improved system used for transport at home.

Sir Daniel then dwelt on the subject of "Cider." Good cider, he said, rivalled good wine, and should be easily distinguished from synthetic imitations known as cider. In the making of a first rate "bit of rough stuff" on a farm, sweet apples, acid apples and bitter sweet apples were used, giving body and vigour to the wine through the judicious blending of sugar, acid and tannin.

Indian Asceticism.

The next talk was one of a series given by Major F. Yeats-Brown, "Gods, Saints and Heroes of Hinduism," on the subject:—"India—Artists and Ascetics."

The speaker dealt with Art from 640 A. D. to the 7th and 8th centuries. The coming of the British, he said, with security and prosperity, caused a decline in Indian Art. Stories of paintings on the walls of Agenta were given and women sex mysticism, the eternal and triumphant womanhood were the dominating themes always present at this period.

Asceticism, the Exalted Conception of the Absolute, and the prayer, "There is no God but God" occupied the next few minutes of this talk. Tagore, known as the 'Shelley of Bengal' was described as rather the 'Dante of Bengal.'

A Living Yogi, who was staying in London last week was mentioned as having extraordinary powers of mental calculation. He never sleeps for more than two hours every night, eats no food on Mondays, and sits before the image of his dead wife, concentrating on a spot between the eyebrows, and, the speaker asserts, is able to summon her spirit, opening the door of another world by this development of asceticism. In spite of this the Yogi has the appearance and manner of a normal, healthy man. Major Brown spoke of the great march in the dissemination of ideas by the British, and mentioned Mr. Andrews, clergyman and great scholar as having become a disciple of Tagore, and Miss Slade of Gandhi.

Listeners were then taken over to The Pavilion, Mount Ash, for the Festival Concert, by the National Orchestra of Wales, under the direction of Dr. Martin Harvey, and the Male Voice Choir, conducted by Sir Walford Davies. Sybil Eaton was also heard with the orchestra in Beethoven's Violin Concerto, Opus 61.

Safety Week in England.

Speeches were heard at a dinner of the Association of Public Safety, this being the week of the National Safety First Movement.

Mr. Gordon Stewart was in the chair, and apologised for the absence of the President, Lord Brentford. The Lord Mayor of Leeds was present and the chairman replied to a toast proposed by Sir Herbert Blane. He gave statistics of the reduction of accidents in the first month of this year, a ten per cent. reduction, and during the first three months of this year there was a reduction of no less than 14.15 per cent on the figures of last year.

At that rate, it is estimated that 1,500 lives will be saved this year. Prevention was the first word in the vocabulary of the movement.

In the case of accidents to children, each one was a tragedy in itself. An appeal was made for financial support, and it was predicted that accidents in workshops, factories and streets could be halved. The chairman mentioned the allusion to it being his birthday on Wednesday, and he said, the happiest gift would be the success of Safety Week.

Listeners were then taken over to the Royal Covent Garden Opera House and heard the B.N.O.C. conducted by Bruno Walter in the second act of "The Magic Flute" by Mozart.

The above programme was received on Philips 2902, a four valve set, ample loud speaker strength on three valves, cutting out the pentode.

(Continued on next Column.)

UNSAVOURY KOWLOON CASE.

GAOL SENTENCE FOR SOLICITING.

Two sentences of three months' hard labour were passed at Central Magistracy yesterday on a Chinese who was convicted of soliciting and of living on the proceeds of prostitution.

For the police, Inspector W. Le F. Chevalier said three Europeans, on coming out from a local cinema, were accosted by the defendant who took them to a tea-house, and afterwards arranged for their visit to an unlicensed house in Peel Street.

In a raid, the police found four girls with the Europeans, in the establishment, together with the tenant of the floor.

Though it was well-known that offenders of the type of the defendant were quite common in the Colony, it had been difficult to secure a case against any of them hitherto. In the present instance, however, the police were able to prove that the man had approached prospective customers in two occasions, this going to prove that he made his living on the proceeds of prostitution.

The defendant told the Court that of the monies he received in respect of each girl from the foreigners, \$7 was paid to the girl, a further \$2 to the mistress of the house as her quota, and the remaining \$2 was pocketed by himself.

Inspector Chevalier, however, contended that the defendant got more than he said he did, as proof could be brought forward that he received \$15 from each of the foreigners.

The woman, who was proved to be the principal tenant of the floor, was fined \$75, or seven weeks, on a charge of keeping a sly brothel.

On the Home Front.

The official figures of road accidents last year, which are now published, are a stern reminder that in the mere business of getting about in this country we run up a casualty list reminiscent of a minor war. The number of the dead and injured mounts steadily. In 1929 over six thousand people were killed on the roads. Last year saw the figure rise to over seven thousand, while the total of injured has gone up in the same period from 17,017 to 177,995.

A LITTLE

care in setting up an advertisement often doubles its selling power.

It is that little extra thought and care, which is given to every advertisement drawn up in the office of the Hong Kong Daily Press, which brings good results.

of last year. At that rate, it is estimated that 1,500 lives will be saved this year. Prevention was the first word in the vocabulary of the movement.

In the case of accidents to children, each one was a tragedy in itself. An appeal was made for financial support, and it was predicted that accidents in workshops, factories and streets could be halved. The chairman mentioned the allusion to it being his birthday on Wednesday, and he said, the happiest gift would be the success of Safety Week.

Listeners were then taken over to the Royal Covent Garden Opera House and heard the B.N.O.C. conducted by Bruno Walter in the second act of "The Magic Flute" by Mozart.

The above programme was received on Philips 2902, a four valve set, ample loud speaker strength on three valves, cutting out the pentode.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND PALESTINE.

NEW COLONY NAMED AFTER HIM.

STRIKING PROGRESS IN ELEVEN YEARS.

In honour of Mr. Lloyd George, who was Prime Minister when the British Government issued the Balfour Declaration, Kfar David (the Lloyd George Colony) is to be established in Palestine.

It will be formed in the western part of the Valley of Jezreel, where there are at present two small settlements of less than 100 souls. These two places will be linked up and extensive irrigation works undertaken so that eventually 1,000 people may find permanent homes in the new colony. About £15,000 will be expended on the work.

The announcement of the Jewish community's intention to show its gratitude to Mr. Lloyd George in this manner was made at a dinner given in the Savoy Hotel by the Jewish Agency for Palestine (British Section) and the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. Over 500 people were present.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann presided, and in proposing the health of Mr. Lloyd George said that the Jewish people were profoundly grateful to him and to the late Earl Balfour. "We have decided," he added, "to call one settlement, about to be built, Kfar David. (Cheers.) It is right in the centre of our colonising activities, on a prominence which overlooks our work of the last ten years."

"I have recently seen the sturdy men and women who are to clear the ground and build the houses. They have asked me to tell Mr. Lloyd George that when he pays his long-expected visit to Palestine it will be ready to receive him in a manner worthy of the Jews of England and the world." (Cheers.) Sir Herbert Samuel, M.P., who also spoke to the toast said the world was too often prone "to offer to the dead the roses, to the living the thorns." The Jewish people were, however, not lacking in their acknowledgments.

Dr. Weizmann's Services.

Mr. Lloyd George, on rising to respond, was received with a tumult of cheering. He mentioned that Dr. Weizmann's chemical genius rendered service of the highest importance to the Allies at a critical moment to their cause. When he had completed his task the Government of the day were prepared to confer upon Dr. Weizmann any honour. Dr. Weizmann said: "I ask for nothing; but the British Government should do something for my people." (Loud cheers.)

He (Mr. Lloyd George) was pleased to see at that gathering Mr. George Barnes, who was one of those who assisted in framing the Balfour Declaration. Lord Balfour's name would ever be linked in history with that policy. But Israel was also fortunate in her hour of opportunity in possessing in Dr. Weizmann a great patriot, who was ready to take advantage of that opportunity. It was his (Mr. Lloyd George's) privilege as Prime Minister at that time to offer to another distinguished Jew, Sir Herbert Samuel, the position of first Hebrew Governor of Jerusalem for over 2,000 years. (Cheers.)

That was only eleven years ago, and the progress since then had been incredible in a land which had been left bare and haggard to the eye. It was not a home for a people, but a ruin.

In these eleven years the Jewish population in Palestine had more than doubled, and the Arabs had simultaneously increased in both numbers and prosperity. (Hear, hear.) As was to be expected, there had been some trouble and much mischief, but the Jews were not to be discouraged by one squalid and cowardly riot. (Cheers.)

The Acid of Persecution.

There had never been any question of expropriation. Both Christians and Arabs had thriven in Palestine owing to the success of the Zionist movement. There was plenty of room in Palestine for a Jewish National Home without rendering any of its present dwellers or their children homeless. The Jews had a special claim on Canaan. They were the only people who had made a success of it during the past 3,000 years. They were the only people who had made its name immortal.

Prosperity had greater dangers for Judah than persecution. The acid of persecution had kept their national faith bright and free from rust.

"We are entitled," he concluded, "to expect great things from the experiment of creating a Jewish national home, not for Palestine alone, but for the world, not only for the children of Israel, but for all the children of men." (Loud cheers.)

Mrs. Philip Snowden replied to the toast of "Friends of Eretz (the Land of) Israel," which was proposed by the Chief Rabbi (Dr. J. H. Hertz) and supported by Dr. M. D. Eder.

Other speakers were the Earl of Lytton, Sir Norman Angell, M.P. Mr. Nahum Sokolow, Mr. Nathan Laski, and Mr. Simon Marks.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Kobe yesterday at 7 a.m., left on the same day at 5 p.m., is due at Yokohama to-day at 2 p.m., and leave for Vancouver to-morrow at 3 p.m.

MUI TSAI PROBLEM.

S.C.A. REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

A GRADUAL REDUCTION.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in his report for 1930, states:—

Part III. of the Female Domestic Service Ordinance was brought into force by proclamation on December 1, 1929, and a period of six months was allowed for registration of *mui tai*. The response at first was slow but a campaign of advertisement and distribution of many thousands of pamphlets resulted in an ultimate total of 4,200 registrations. The District Watch Committee rendered valued service in helping this department to attain a result which is considered very satisfactory.

The Ordinance further requires subsequent notification on the occasion not only of the death or disappearance of a *mui tai* but also of her intended removal from the Colony, change of address or intended marriage. By the end of December this department took note of attrition in the ranks of Hong Kong *mui tai* to the extent of 206. No new registrations are permitted and by degrees the numbers in the Colony will be reduced to vanishing point.

Hard Cases. Although hard cases have occurred, this department has strictly carried out the policy laid down with regard to bringing unregistered *mui tai* into the Colony, and invariably prosecutes the offenders, who have in many cases without concealment themselves, acquainted us with their offence. In all such cases action is taken in the best interests of the girl. This may take the form of allowing her to remain in a household where she is obviously happy provided the persons concerned leave the Colony under official supervision.

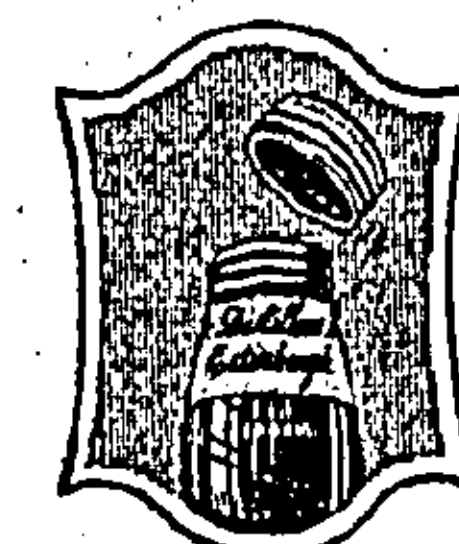
During the year 25 prosecutions were brought under the *Mui Tai* Ordinance with 23 convictions.

Under the Women and Girls Protection Ordinance 16 prosecutions were brought with 14 convictions. These were cases of harbouring or procuring.

Further, 22 cases were brought on charges connected with trafficking in minors, and 20 convictions were obtained.



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SOVIET BUTTER FOR
BRITAIN.

17,500 TON EXPECTED.

MENACE TO HOME
PRODUCERS.

Russian butter, in quantities larger than for many years past, is expected to come on to the British market this summer.

After a period during which her output dwindled until it finally became almost non-existent, Russia is preparing to export to Britain some 17,000 tons of fresh butter, chiefly Siberian. This estimate was given to a representative of the *Daily Telegraph* by an important London firm of provision importers.

Last season, after Moscow's energetic "drive" to bring independent peasants into the collective farms, practically no Soviet butter was sent to the British market. The peasants killed their stock rather than yield, and dairy produce was, therefore, reduced to a minimum. This year the collective and State farms enter the export field for the first time in full force, and the keener competition will be felt by Empire producers.

"I would scarcely describe it as dumping," said a representative of the importing firm, "but though there is always a good demand for Siberian butter, there are certainly not enough orders to cover the whole of what Russia will send."

Siberian butter is especially dry, and is therefore extensively used for blending with butters of a higher water content. There is also a fairly good sale for it over the counter as "best butter." Normally the price is 6s. or 8s. per box (20lb.) lower than that of the finest Empire butter; but at the moment there is so little Siberian butter to be had that the price has risen to about the level of Australian and New Zealand butter.

At current price levels, an official of the Empire Dairy Council estimated the value of Russian butter imports into Britain during the coming season at at least £1,900,000.

The position of hundreds of thousands of ex-service dairy farmers in the Dominions was now critical, he added. Scientific research had greatly improved the methods of butter-making and increased the yield of the cow and the stock-carrying capacity of the land. Consumption of butter had also advanced, but not sufficiently to keep prices at a profitable level. Many farmers were consequently producing either at a loss or on the narrowest margin of profit.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rugby, May 13.
Paris	124.203
New York	4.66 5/10
Brussels	34.043
Geneva	25.234
Amsterdam	12.102
Milan	92.893
Berlin	30.412
Stockholm	18.142
Copenhagen	18.102
Oslo	18.102
Vienna	34.583
Prague	104
Helsingfors	48.8
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	37.5
Bucharest	917
Rio	37/92
Buenos Aires	351
Montevideo	307
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/3
Hong Kong	112
Yokohama	2/- 13/32
Silver	
Spot	133/16
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ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF WILLIAM DODS, Late of No. 1, COMMERCE DRIVE, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, MERCHANT, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 38 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 4th JUNE, 1931.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

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SINGAPORE SHARE MARKET.

FRASER & CO.'S WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. Fraser & Co., Singapore, in their weekly report, dated May 3, state:—

The price of Tin has again fallen heavily throughout the week and closes at £103.17.6 per ton, a figure which has not been recorded for many years past. Comparatively heavy outputs from the Mines are anticipated to be published for the month of April, which should further increase the Visible Supplies, and until the individual quotas are issued, a feeling of uncertainty is likely to continue in the market. Tin shares have remained weak locally with only a small business passing and London has been more active than buyer.

There is still no real market in Rubber shares, only a few stray bargains going through.

Industrials have also been weaker owing to buyers holding for cheaper levels and quotations are lower in the majority of instances, Straits Traders, Hammers, and Fraser & Neaves Ords, especially being heavily marked down.

Mining.—On a declining price for the metal Sungai Luns were sold from 95 cents down to 90 cents, Penawats 40 and 44 cents, Kinta Tin Dredges 85 and 82 cents, Kuchin 53 and 52 cents and Johans 21 cents with further shares wanted at 20 cents. Rands are a quiet market at \$10.15 business done and Petalings made \$3.90. Troncha being taken at 13/3 and later at 12/6. The best bid for Malayan Collieries at present is \$25.00, being a drop of \$1.50, and up-country report shares available at \$25. Temengors are easier at 2/3, Hong Kong Tins wanted at 14/6 and a bid is requested for Teja Malaya. Sungai Luns could be placed at 90 cents and Petalings at \$3.75 cum. div. Hitan Tins and South Tin-pings being available at market rates. The Australian section is very quiet with Kampong Kamutins offering at 8/9 and Pungals 13/-, other stocks being unmentioned.

Rubbers.—Business done during the week consisted of Nyalas at 40 cents, Ulu Pandans 81.25, Mentakabs 22 and 21 cents, Malaka Pindas 61 cents, and Indragiris 47 cents. There are enquiries for Jimahs, further Mentakabs and Ulu Pandans and declared sellers of Ayer Moleks, Bassetta, Colinsburghs, Glenenys, Teluk Ansons, Haytors and Kedahs, most of the remaining stocks are probably on offer at sellers' quotations or near.

Industrials.—Business in Industrials has been unusually difficult to negotiate this week and Straits Traders were offered down to \$25.50 at which a substantial business has been put through. United Engineers are slightly easier at \$7.25 and the Preference were done at \$12.15. Robinson Ords, found buyers at \$6.82 and further shares could probably be placed at this figure, and Malacca Electrics, after business early in the week at \$1.63, are now freely offered, with prospective buyers holding for lower values. Fraser & Neaves were offered down \$12 before business could be transacted, an odd lot of Singapore Cold Storages made \$4.75 with no buyers at or near this figure now, and Shell Transports came to business at 55/6. There remain enquiries for Alexander Brick Preference, Wearnes and a small lot of Union Insurance Society of Canton, and shares are offering in British Malaya Trustee, Central Engines and Thornycrofts. Eastern Uniteds could be picked up at \$25.25, Gammons \$13.25 and McAlisters at \$72.50 or counter offer. Straits Steamships are available at \$218, Straits Traders \$25.50, United Engineers \$7.25, Hammers at \$109 and further Fraser & Neaves at \$12. London prices are a fraction easier since our last report: Shell Transports £213.6, British American Tobacco \$43.0, Hong Kong Banks \$108.10, Duffs 2/6, Dunlops 7/- and Imperial Tobacco \$10.0.

THE TSAR'S LOVE
STORY."THE INCOMPARABLE
ALIX."

The basis of a study of the character of "Nicholas II," the last of the Tsars, by Princess Radziwill, which has been published (Cassell, 12s 6d), is the diary which the Tsar seems to have kept with fair regularity from an early age. His epistolary style is known from the published letters to the Tsarina.

The extracts from the diary which Princess Radziwill gives us bear only on the early years. It makes a curious native chronicle, full of uncles and aunts and diminutives. The puzzling thing is that so placid a young man took trouble to keep a diary at all.

The pages begin with school days, but only become interesting after the sympathetic outburst which occurs one day: "I have finished my education definitely and for ever!"

So adult life begins. "Yesterday," says the diary, "125 bottles of champagne were drunk." But that hardly represents the normal tone. It is something more like this:

"During the entire night there were fourteen degrees of frost, and the entire day was cold but not windy. Aunt Marie, Uncle Alfred, Mitia, Obolensky, and Count Vorontzov lunched with us. I drove out in a one-horse sledge with Kostia. Uncle Serge and Aunt Ella returned from Moscow. After skating in the gardens we drank tea in our rooms."

Presently, says Princess Radziwill, he embellished his bachelor existence with a favourite, the dancer Mathilde Kresinska. This did not prevent him from falling more romantically in love with Princess Alice ("the incomparable Alix" of the diary) of Hesse. She had been a winter in Petersburg, and he fell in love. But "Cousin Eddy" (the Duke of Clarence) seemed to have the same ideas, and the Tsar.

with hung back awhile. Time went on, but his dream wore well. "It is already eighteen months since I talked about it to Papa in Peterhof, and since then nothing has changed. My dream is to marry Alice of Hesse. I have loved her a long time, but more deeply and fervently since the year 1890, when she spent six weeks in St. Petersburg."

"I have struggled for a long time against my feelings, and tried to persuade myself that it was an impossible thing, but since Eddy gave up the idea of marrying her, or was refused by her, it seems to me that the only obstacle between us is the religious question. There is no other, because I am convinced that she shares my feelings."

There had been opposition to his marriage plans. "Two roads seem to open before me. I myself want to go in one direction, while it is evident Mamma wants me to choose the other. What will happen? Mamma's idea had been Princess Helene, the daughter of the Comte de Paris. It is one of the ifs of history what would have happened had Mamma won."

But the Tsarvitch had his way. He was sent to the wedding of the brother of "the incomparable Alix" to the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, ostensibly to represent his father, actually to make his suit. Everybody was there. Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales ("Uncle Bertie"); "Uncle Alfred, Aunt Marie, Alix, Emy, Missy Ducky, Alfred, and other—very important people"—runs the list in the diary. Apparently it was well known that there was more than a dual marriage in hand.

"Wilhelm sat in the next room with my uncles and aunts awaiting the result," when the Tsarvitch had his talk out with Alix. When all turned out well, and the incomparable Alix consented "at the instance of Uncle Bertie, the entire family was photographed in the garden."

It is easy to be angry with this young district for seeing so little into the future—and seeing so little of the reality in the events he was taking part in. Yet there is in these moments a very real charm.

THE JOYOUS GAME.

REMINISCENCES OF GREAT
CRICKETERS.

CRICKET UP-TO-DATE. By E. H. D. Sewell. With a Preface by Lord Hawke. With many illustrations, twenty-one being from Photographs taken by the Author. John Murray, 7s. 6d. net.

Mr. E. H. D. Sewell was a good, all-round player in his day, proved himself an excellent coach for Surrey, and has long been known as a keen observer, and reliable judge of cricket who can tell us what he knows in straightforward English without frills. In the brief appreciation of this "very complete chap" (Nym's phrase) which forms the Preface of his book, Lord Hawke, who has known him for nearly 30 years, has just one complaint to make of him. "The only bone I have personally to pick with him," says the most famous of Yorkshire captains, "is that this last season he foretold, before the first Test, the recovery by Australia of the Ashes; while, going back to 1920-1, when we lost eight successive Tests, he prophesied all eight Australian victories in the most disconcerting manner."

Few cricketers will agree with everything he says. But none of them will resent his outspokenness. Anyhow his book is full of invaluable hints. "The first thing a youngster must do," he observes in the course of a detailed dissertation on every branch of cricket technique, "and many an oldster would come to no harm by doing, is to carry a cricket ball about with him. Spinning it; catching it; flicking it across from hand to hand; getting a friend to throw easy catches and making sure of never missing such, are one and all of them perfectly practicable and simple ways of getting the fingers and palms accustomed to the feel of a cricket ball." A very famous cricketer, when he was a tiny boy, would always take his bat and a ball to bed with him—so that both implements were his personal friends from the first. There are some excellent remarks on the futility of net practice, unless it be so regulated that the professional engaged is not overworked, which should be read by all games masters, and the coach, who does not find out a boy's natural gifts in the first place and strive to develop them, is rightly censured.

Indeed, these early chapters are full of sound common-sense, and the illustrations really illustrate them. For example, there is a picture of P. Perrin ("the greatest batsman who never played for England") facing page 246 who has just made a "come two" past short leg. He is still looking at the place where the ball was when he hit it! Which illustrates the advisability of watching the ball until it actually touches the bat and not lifting the head (almost as fatal a fault as at golf) before it is well on its way.

Five Needs.

One is tempted to go on quoting Mr. Sewell's observations on points of technique—if only to prove that the writer is a real expert. But Mr. Sewell, like the Laird of Cockpen, is also taken up with affairs of the State, and he has much to say about what may, perhaps, be called cricket politics. For example, unlike most Fleet-street authorities, he thinks the ten interval, an admirable institution, because it helps the bowlers by giving them a rest, and also possibly unsighting the batsmen. He sums up the complex problem of the reform of the game by insisting that it needs five things—an early return to the five-ball over (Lord Hawke accepts this suggestion), much less intensive coaching, much more attention to fielding and the placing of the field, fiercer batting, and fewer selectors. Any point he has to make is, as a rule, illustrated by a pleasant little story. A fair specimen concerns the valiant disobedience of Reggie Spooner, who went in with M. O. Bird at 5.35 in a match against Oxford University, and was ordered by his captain, H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, to be content with keeping his wicket up. "As we've got to stay in, Morice," he said on the way to the perilous pitch. "I think the best thing we can do is to go for them." At close of play, less than an hour later, the score was 102 and both batsmen not out. Mr. Sewell's book is a veritable portrait-gallery of famous cricketers whose words and words are made to define their characters.—*London Morning Post.*

TWO RIVALS IN
LONGEVITY.CLAIMS OF CHINESE
PATRIARCH.CONTESTED BY TURK
METHUSELAN.

Zora Agha, Europe's oldest man, who arrived in London from New York, had his attention drawn to the fact that he has a Chinese rival. The town of Kaishien, in Szechwan Province, boasts a super-patriarch believed to be 252 years of age; and there are local university authorities who maintain the authenticity of the claim. Their assertion is that Li Ching-yien, the patriarch in question, is twice mentioned in the dynastic records of the nation. They order these things better in China, as a rule, and they are strong on documents. But Zora is equal to the challenge, as you shall hear.

The Turkish centenarian and a half bearded patiently while the details of this Oriental upstart were read over to him by the interpreter, Mr. Redvan. At the end of the recital Zora shook his venerable head with vigour.

"I find this very hard to believe," he said, with hearty emphasis. "If there's an old man like that in China, why don't they produce him? Surely if this were true there would be doctors visiting him from everywhere, as they did me, long before I started on my travels. In America the medical men tapped and tested me all over—heart and lungs and muscles and the rest—and they couldn't find anything wrong. It's always been the same, and I've been the oldest man in Turkey as long as other people remember."

Curious Birth Certificate.

He talks vivaciously in a big booming voice, and the extent to which he opens his capacious mouth would almost persuade one that he had studied voice production.

"Has this Chinaman got any papers?" was his next query. "Here are mine," and, from the depths of somewhere a document was unfolded and laid bare. It purports to be a birth certificate of a retrospective character, drafted on the authority of the Turkish Government.

"Besides," he went on, "do the Chinese have the same sort of reckoning as we do? I always thought people in the Far East had their own ways of reckoning, and perhaps the Chinese year is shorter than ours."

"And who wants to live in China, anyway?" he asked, with a bit of a laugh. He usually attributes his longevity to a cheery disposition, and here it found full scope. He seemed to think, with Tennyson, that 150 years of Turkey were better than a cycle of Cathay.

Zora then asked if anything were known about the old Chinaman's mode of life. He was informed that Li chiefly lived on a herb of almost magical properties discovered years ago in the course of his researches as a druggist. "Yes," he said, "I believe in a vegetarian diet, but it doesn't suit everybody. I hardly ever knew the taste of flesh meat until I was grown up—a hundred or so," and he waved his long brown fingers with the air of a Chancellor accustomed to handling millions.

Then came the delicate question of sex. Zora used to be something of a gallant, and is still a bit of a family man. He asked if his Chinese rival had had any wives to speak of.

He was told that Li had survived twenty-three wives as against his own eleven, and for the nonce he may have felt a mere amateur. Nevertheless, he bravely shook his head, and crossed one spotted foot over the other as he lay back in upholstery.

It almost seemed as if he were going to minimise the troubles of matrimony in China as compared with those of Turkey. But he sought refuge in his documentary attestations, and fired off directions of incommunicable import to his manager, Mr. Eddie Callens. There will be some rummaging of records in the Szechwan Province, you may depend.

Till Allah Calls.

The hero of half-a-dozen campaigns and a hundred fights—besides odd ones—is an expert on war. "They tell me England had a big share in the last war," he said. "Did you have any fighting over here? Just as well. I've seen a lot of it in my time. You've heard about my fighting against Napoleon, in Syria, I suppose?"

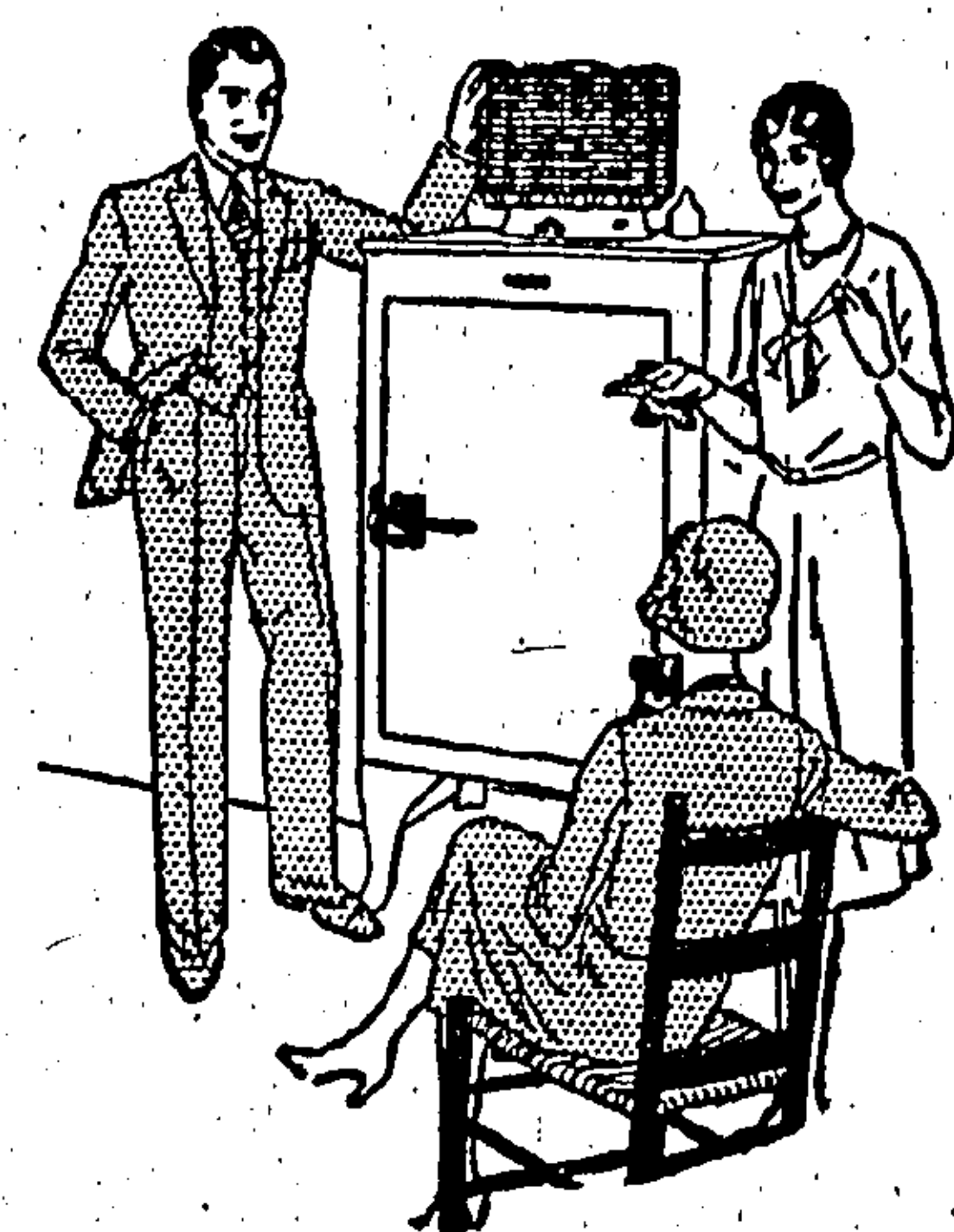
That campaign keeps cropping up in Zora's talk just as King Charles's head used to do in the conversation of Mr. Dick.

To the parting question how much longer he expected to live, the ancient answered: "I can't say. The doctors all tell me I'm as sound as ever I was, and I believe they're right. I've been more vigorous in my time, but I've never felt better. I suppose I shall go on like this until Allah sends for me."

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"TOY SHIPS" FOR THE NAVY.

BIG EXPENDITURE ON USELESS CRAFT.

SLOOPS TO REPLACE CRUISERS.

While the Government continues to hold up the building of cruisers and destroyers which are urgently needed to replace obsolete vessels of these types, no less a sum than £2,000,000 is being spent on the construction of other naval craft which have no fighting value.

Since 1927 there have been authorized sixteen sloops, costing an average of £125,000. They are tiny ships of just over 1,000 tons, their speed is low, and their armament consists of two 4-in guns.

Men-of-war only by courtesy, they are essentially craft for peace-time service, and have been built to take out their steadily diminishing fleet of cruisers. But at a period of rigid economy in naval expenditure it is strange that money should be spared for the building of ships which are entirely useless for war purposes.

Commenting on the official suggestion that these "toyshop ships" can take the place of cruisers on foreign stations, "Brassey's Naval Annual" writes:

"The utility of this proposal was demonstrated just before the war of 1914-18, when it became necessary to withdraw more effective ships. The more the sloops are tried in place of cruisers, the greater the chances of a repetition of such incidents as the massacre of the little Pegasus at Zanzibar. Sloops are useful, and indeed indispensable, to the Navy, but they must be reasonably large, seaworthy, and well-armed. If we ever again are menaced with war there will be an instant demand for ships capable of acting as convoy escorts. For this duty the sloops we are now building would be worse than useless, for they would be at the mercy not only of the smallest raiding cruiser, but of the large, well-armed submarines which would probably be sent out to prey upon British shipping."

A French Contrast.

A striking contrast is afforded by the sloops now building for the French Navy. In the subjoined table H.M.S. Bideford, launched at Devonport on April 1, is compared with the Dumont d'Urville, put afloat at Bordeaux in the previous week:

	Bideford.	Dumont d'Urville.
Displacement,	1,105 tons	2,000
Speed, knots,	10 1/2	17
Radius, miles,	4,500	10,000
Armament,	2 4-in. 3.5-in.	30-pdrs. 80-pdrs.

This comparison shows the French vessel to be a powerful fighting craft, while the Bideford is a mere police boat.

Under the London Naval Treaty we are free to build any number of ships so long as they do not exceed 2,000 tons. Within this limit it would be possible to design a vessel of 18 knots speed, a radius of 10,000 miles, and an armament of three or four 6-in. which would be ideal for convoy work in war. As it is, we are wasting money on "warships" which would certainly be paid off and laid up in port at the first threat of hostilities.

BISHOP AND A VISITOR.

"SHOOT AND BE DAMNED."

Sydney.—Edwin Cosmo de Satge, alias Edwin Stewart, who is reputed to belong to an old English family, was committed for trial on a charge of having attempted to blackmail the Right Rev. Lewis Bostock Rindford, Bishop of Goulburn. Bail was allowed.

Satge said that two girls who were charged with the same offence in the children's court recently suggested that he should visit the Bishop and inform him that he had been seen visiting a young lady at her flat. He had been drinking or he would not have carried out the suggestion.

The Bishop in his evidence told of a midday visit by three girls who wished to see the Cathedral. When Satge called on him, he told him there was nothing in his conduct that need denial or defence. Satge demanded £100, stating that otherwise the story would be published. The Bishop then remarked: "Shoot and be damned."

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.

AMOI.

Haiyang, Douglas, May 15.
Antung, B. & S., May 17.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 17.
Taiguang, B. & S., May 20.
Santhia, B.I., May 23.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., May 23.
Taisan, B. & S., May 27.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 31.
Talmu, B.I., June 4.
Kumung, Jardine's, June 15.
Takada, B.I., June 18.

ANTWERP.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Haruma Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Taiyang, B. & S., May 19.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Tanda, E. & A., May 30.
Changte, B. & S., June 19.

BALTIC PORTS.

Danmark, Manners, May 20.

BALTIMORE.

Irishbank, Bank, June 9.

BANGKOK.

Chengtu, B. & S., May 18.
Kalgan, B. & S., May 17.

BARCELONA.

Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Sauerland, Jensen, June 20.

BELAWAN-DELL.

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., May 21.

BOMBAY.

Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Alipore, P. & O., May 20.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Tokio Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
Gange, Dodwell's, June 17.
Ranpara, P. & O., June 20.

BOSTON.

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, May 18.
Simone Prince, Furness, May 21.
Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., May 25.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Malayan Prince, Furness, June 2.
Taisan Maru, Bank, June 9.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.

BREMEN.

Trave, Melchers, May 29.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Lahn, Melchers, June 16.

BRINDISI.

Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, June 3.
Gange, Dodwell's, June 17.

CALCUTTA.

Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 19.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Tilawa, B.I., May 30.
Kutsang, Jardine's, June 6.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., June 8.
Hosang, Jardine's, June 10.
Santhia, B.I., June 10.

CASABLANCA.

Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., May 17.
Huichow, B. & S., May 23.

COLOMBO.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Alipore, P. & O., May 20.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Sphinx, M.M., May 26.
Tokio Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Haruma Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, June 3.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Porthos, M.M., June 9.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.
Gange, Dodwell's, June 17.

COPENHAGEN.

Danmark, Manners, May 20.

DALNY.

Chenan, B. & S., May 19.
Patroclus, B.F., May 30.

DUTCH PORTS.

City of Athens, Bank, May 16.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Duisburg, Jensen, May 23.
Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Haruma Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Havelland, Jensen, June 6.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Sarpedon, B.F., June 10.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Lahn, Melchers, June 16.
Sauerland, Jensen, June 20.

FOOCHOW.

Haiyang, Douglas, May 15.
Chuan, B. & S., May 19.
Chipshing, Jardine's, May 24.
Huichow, B. & S., May 23.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, June 7.

GENOA.

Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Banking, B.F., May 18.
Duisburg, Jensen, May 23.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, June 3.
Havelland, Jensen, June 6.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
daku Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.
Gange, Dodwell's, June 17.
Sauerland, Jensen, June 20.

GLASGOW.

Elpenor, B.F., May 29.
Thebus, B.F., June 9.
Sarpedon, B.F., June 10.

GOTHENBURG.

Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., May 22.

HAMBURG.

City of Athens, Bank, May 16.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Duisburg, Jensen, May 23.
Trave, Melchers, May 23.
Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Havelland, Jensen, June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Sarpedon, B.F., June 10.
Lahn, Melchers, June 16.
Sauerland, Jensen, June 20.

HAVANA.

Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.

HAVRE.

City of Athens, Bank, May 16.
Elpenor, B.F., May 29.
Thebus, B.F., June 2.

HONGKAY.

Chengtu, B. & S., May 18.

HONOLULU.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 16.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., May 23.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., June 9.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., June 20.

HULL.

Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.

JAPAN PORTS.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 19.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 16.
Dioned, B.F., May 17.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 17.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, May 18.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., May 20.
Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Nagura, Gilman's, May 21.
Meriones, B.F., May 22.
Ranpara, P. & O., May 22.
Irishbank, Bank, June 9.
Malayan Prince, Furness, June 2.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, June 9.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.

KEWONGWANG.

Chenan, B. & S., May 19.

KINGPO.

Chenan, B. & S., May 19.

NORTH CHINA PORTS.

Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Patroclus, B.F., May 30.
Derfingler, Melchers, June 1.
Oder, Melchers, June 12.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.

PAKHOL.

Pingyuan, B. & S., May 22.

PANAMA.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 16.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, May 18.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 28.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, June 9.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.

JAVA PORTS.

Tjisaroca, J.C.J.L., May 16.
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., May 28.
Tjitarang, J.C.J.L., June 2.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., June 9.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., June 16.

LIVERPOOL.

Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Elpenor, B.F., May 29.
Thebus, B.F., June 9.
Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.

LONDON.

City of Athens, Bank, May 16.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Trave, Melchers, May 23.
Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Haruma Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, June 3.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Lahn, Melchers, June 16.
Gange, Dodwell's, June 17.
Ranpara, P. & O., June 20.

LOS ANGELES.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 16.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, May 18.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 28.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, June 9.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., June 9.

MANILA.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., May 15.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 19.
Taiping, B. & S., May 19.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 23.
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., May 28.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 29.
Tanda, E. & A., May 30.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., June 2.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., June 6.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., June 9.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., June 9.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., June 12.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.
Changte, B. & S., June 19.

MARSEILLES.

Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Trave, Melchers, May 23.
Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Havelland, Jensen, June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Sarpedon, B.F., June 10.
Lahn, Melchers, June 16.
Ranpara, P. & O., June 20.

MARSHALLS.

Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Trave, Melchers, May 23.
Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Havelland, Jensen, June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Sarpedon, B.F., June 10.
Lahn, Melchers, June 16.
Ranpara, P. & O., June 20.

MARSHALLS.

Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Trave, Melchers, May 23.
Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Trier, Melchers, May 30.
Havelland, Jensen, June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Sarpedon, B.F., June 10.
Lahn, Melchers, June 16.
Ranpara, P. & O., June 20.

MARSHALLS.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Simone Prince, Furness, May 21.
Haruma Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Malayan Prince, Furness, June 2.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 16.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, May 18.
Simone Prince, Furness, May 21.
Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., May 25.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 28.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Malayan Prince, Furness, June 2.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.

NEWCHWANG.

Chenan, B. & S., May 19.

NINGPO.

Chenan, B. & S., May 19.

NORTH CHINA PORTS.

Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Patroclus, B.F., May 30.
Derfingler, Melchers, June 1.
Oder, Melchers, June 12.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.

PAKHOL.

Pingyuan, B. & S., May 22.

PANAMA.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 16.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, May 18.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 28.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, June 9.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.

PENANG.

Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 19.
Alipore, P. & O., May 20.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Tokio Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., May 29.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 30.
Haruma Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Tilawa, B.I., May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.
Kutsang, Jardine's, June 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, June 7.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., June 8.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, June 14.
Hosang, Jardine's, June 18.
Santhia, B.I., June 18.

PORT SAID.

Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Elpenor, B.F., May 29.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Calchas, B.F., May 26.
Burduwan, P. & O., May 30.
Haruma Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Thebus, B.F., June 9.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, June 3.
Kashmir, P. & O., June 6.
Porthos, M.M., June 9.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.
Sarpedon, B.F., June 10.
Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.
Gange, Dodwell's, June 17.

RABATUL.

Tanda, E. & A., May 30.

RANGOON.

Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., June 8.

SAIGON.

Sphinx, M.M., May 26.
Porthos, M.M., June 9.

SANDAKAN.

Mausang, Jardine's, May 27.
Hinsang, Jardine's, June 5.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 16.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, May 18.
Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 28.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, June 9.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., June 9.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., June 13.

SANTUO.

Ningpo, B. & S., May 21.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Danmark, Manners, May 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, June 9.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 19th May, Noon
FOOCHOW, NINGPO, SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALNY	"CHENAN"	On 19th May, 5 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 20th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"NINGPO"	On 21st May, Noon
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 22nd May, 2 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 24th May, Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 26th May, Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 27th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW, FOOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 28th May, Noon
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STATION	Hour	Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND	WIND Direction	WIND Force	WIND Speed	WIND Direction	Hour	Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND	WIND Direction	WIND Force	WIND Speed
			Inches	Milli.									Inches	Milli.					
Wladivostok	12	30.05	763.2	49	...	SE	7	3	0	...	6	30.02	762.5	47	...	SE	4	0	...
Nomuro	11	30.22	767.5	...	...	S	3	1	...	...	5	30.24	768.0	...	...	SE	1	...	...
Hakodate	...	30.14	765.5	...	...	S	3	1	...	...	...	30.16	766.0	...	...	SE	1	...	...
Tokio	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	N	3	...	...	...	...	30.16	766.0	...	...	N	1	...	...
Kochi	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	NNE	0	...	...	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	SSE	1	...	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	SSE	1	...	...
Naha	...	29.84	760.5	...	...	N	1	...	...	...	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	NE	2	...	...	...	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.86	759.0	...	...	S	3	...	...	...	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	SSW	1	...	...
Chefoo	15	29.86	758.4	70	...	SSW	2	...	...	...	6	29.75	755.6	58	...	SE	4	...	...
Shanghai	14	29.98	761.4	73	8	SE	4	b	...	...	...	29.83	767.6	68	8	SE	4	b	...
Gutzlaff	...	30.14	765.5	63	...	SE	2	b	...	...	...	30.09	764.3	60	...	SSE	4	b	...
Wenchow	...	30.02	762.6	67	8	E	0	b	...	...	...	29.92	760.0	59	8	SW	2	...	...
Foochow	...	29.96	761.0	68	8	E	2	b	...	...	...	29.77	756.7	65	6	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	29.94	760.5	64	6	ENE	2	bc	...	...	...	29.90	759.4	...	6	ENE	4	...	...
Swatow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihooku	11	29.87	761.2	74	...	E	4	o	...	...	...	29.85	758.3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	...	29.98	760.9	76	...	NNW	2	o	...	...	...	29.85	758.2	72	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	...	29.92	760.0	76	...	NNE	2	o	...	...	...	29.83	757.6	76	...	NNE	2	...	...
Koshun	...	29.90	759.4	85	...	ENE	2	o	...	...	...	29.82	757.4	78	...	ENE	2	...	...
Pocondoro	...	29.94	760.6	76	...	NNE	4	o	...	...	...	29.83	757.6	74	...	NNE	4	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.87	758.7	69	4	E	5	or	...	...	6	29.79	756.6	71	...	E	4	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.85	758.2	75	7	ENE	5	o	...	...	...	29.77	756.2	75	7	ENE	5	...	...
Macao	...	29.84	758.0	74	4	E	2	...	...	...	...	29.75	755.6	70	4	SE	2	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.80	755.9	85	...	E	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	...	29.86	758.4	79	6	NE	4	r	...	...	6	29.80	756.8	74	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	16	29.76	755.8	83	6	SSE	4	bc	...	...	7	29.72	754.9	77	8	SSE	4	...	...
Tourane	...	29.76	758.0	88	8	NNW	2	c	...	...	...	29.76	755.9	79	8	SW	2	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.82	757.4	91	...	S	2	o	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	79	8	W	2	...	...
Basco	14	29.83	757.6	77	6	SE	2	r	...	...	6	29.80	757.0	79	6	E	2	...	...
Apurri	...	29.78	756.3	94	4	NNE	2	g	...	...	...	29.82	757.4	91	6	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.80	757.0	85	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	29.81	757.1	77	1	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.81	757.1	91	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	29.80	756.8	79	1	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.81	757.1	91	...	...	0	bc	...	...	...	29.83	757.7	79	6	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.76	755.8	94	...	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	29.83	757.6	81	6	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.78	756.3	91	8	WSW	4	b	...	...	...	29.84	758.0	76	8	N	2	bc	...
Talabon	...	29.77	756.1	94	8	S	4	b	...	...	...	29.84	757.8	79	8	SSE	2	bc	...
Iloilo	...	29.78	756.3	91	6	SW	4	o	...	...	...	29.81	757.2	79	8	NE	2	bc	...
Cebu	...	29.76	755.9	91	8	...	0	bc	...	...	...	29.82	757.3	81	8	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.78	756.3	88	8	NE	2	bc	...	...	...	29.82	757.3	79	1	...	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.80	757.0	...	6	ENE	4	b	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelew	11.00	29.77	756.1	...	6	ENE	4	bc	5	29.83	757.6	...	6	ENE	2	bc	...	...	...
Yap	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	86	1	N	6	bc	6	29.83	757.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

May 14d. 10A. 15m.—Depressions lies over N.E. and S.W. China and an anticyclone is central to the N.E. of Japan.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.15 inch. Total since January 1, 15.42 inches, against an average of 15.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON MAY 15.

District.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamooka
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

N.E. or variable winds; generally overcast, rain and fog, warmer.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, May 14.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	29.83	29.81	29.85
Temperature...	70	71	74
Humidity...	77	93	92
Wind...	E	E	E
Force...	5	7	3
Weather...	OD	OD	OD
Rain...	0.05	0.00	0.10

Highest open-air Temperature, 12: 74

Lowest open-air Temperature, 14: 69

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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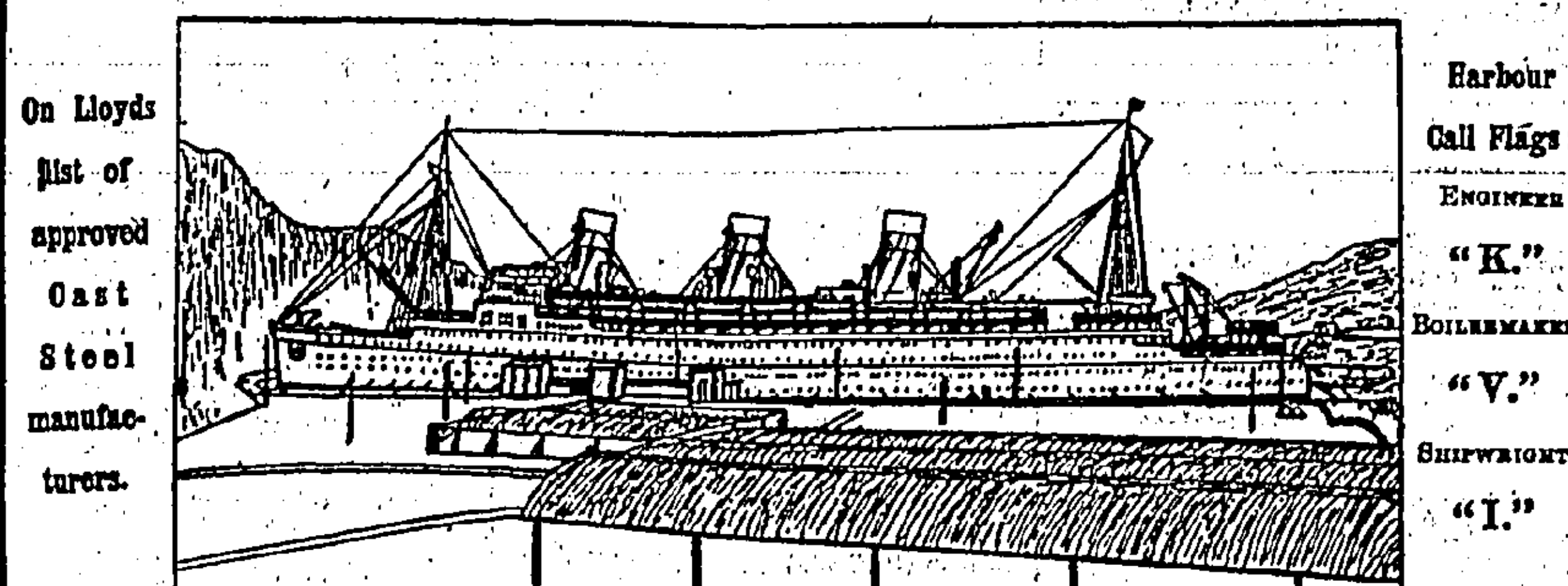
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Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
Fri.	15	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		08 23	5 7	01 25	1 9
Sat.	16	08 40	4 6	14 15	2 0
		21 20	4 5	01 55	2 1
Sun.	17	09 00	3 4	02 20	1 3
		23 10	4 4	15 36	0 9
Mon.	18	09 25	3 7	02 47	0 5
		23 2	4 2	16 30	0 6
Tues.	19	09 50	3 9	03 14	0 8
		17 07	0 3
Wed.	20	10 04	4 0	03 35	3 2
		10 24	7 2	18 00	0 2
Thur.	21	01 00	9 0	03 56	3 4
		11 00	7 3	18 55	0 3

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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"SUISANG" "KUTSANG" "HOSANG"	Tues., 19th May, at 10 a.m. Sat., 21st June, at 3 p.m. Tues., 24th June, at 3 p.m.
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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"YUENSANG" "KUMSANG"	Sun., 31st May, at 7 a.m. Thurs., 18th June, at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Wed., 27th May, at Noon Fri., 5th June, at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & FOOCHOW	"CHIPSING" "CHEONGHONG"	Sun., 24th May, at 7 a.m. Sun., 7th June, at 7 a.m.
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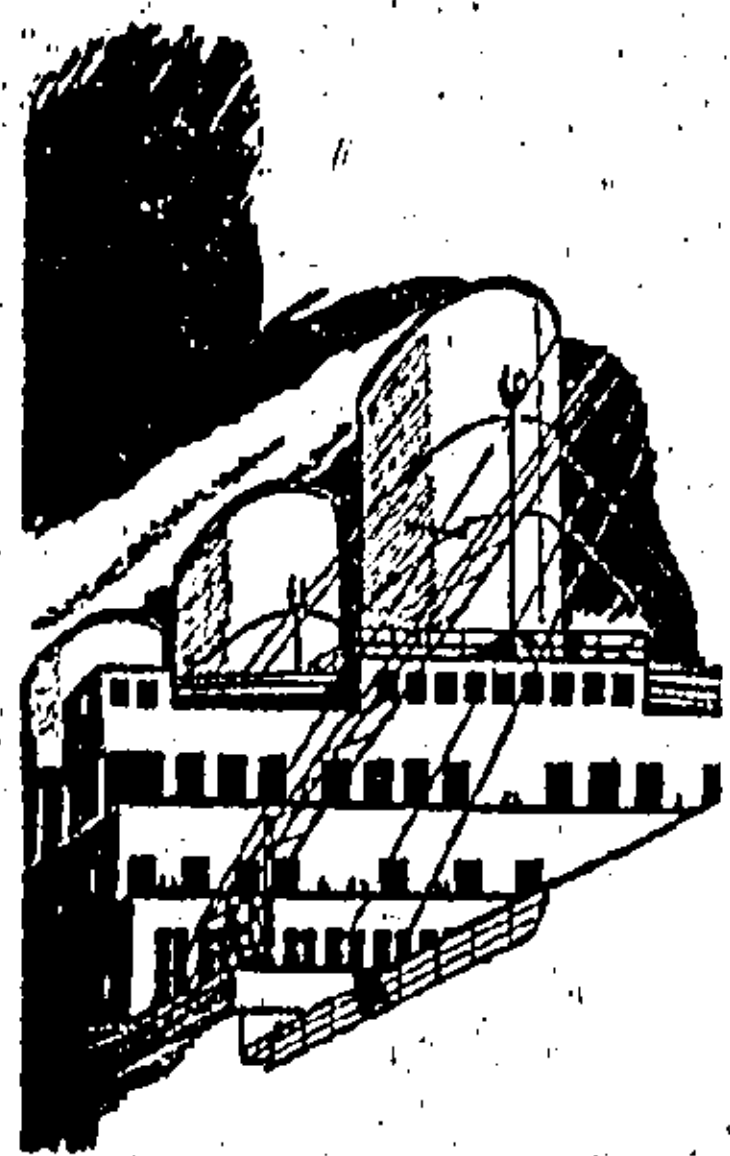
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Empress of Japan	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 28	May 30	June 5
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 11	June 13	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 25	June 27	July 3
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 23	July 25	July 31
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Sept. 3	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 30	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Dec. 7

"Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia" call at Nagasaki.

TO MANILA

Empress of Japan	Leave	Arrive
Empress of Japan	May 15	May 17
Empress of Asia	May 23	May 30

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 20,000 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
20,300 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Har-
bour Office, of vessels carrying
cargo to the Colony during the 24
hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday
were:—

British	Cargo	Through
Hong Kong	H.K.	Ports
Lyceum	500	—
Washing	60	985
Lyceum	233	1,332
Ningpo	—	2,060
Wuhu	—	842
American	—	5,880
Los Angeles	9,332	—
German	—	9,332
Havelland	2,412	3,090
Singapore	1,500	9,750
Lyceum	—	3,912
Norwegian	—	13,730
Protea	490	—
Saigon	2,950	—
Graciosa	2,500	—
Havdrot	70	730
Samarianda	—	3,014
Chinese	—	730
Sun Kong	220	—
K. C. Wan	—	—
Cheung On	20	—
Shanghai	—	240
Total	19,652	20,340

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures dur-
ing the period under review were:

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	1	1
Guyana	2	0
Norwegian	4	0
Japanese	1	4
Chinese	2	1
French	0	1
Dutch	0	1
Danish	0	1
Total	15	15

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels
were in port yesterday:—

Wharves	Kowloon	Havelland	Lahn	Rheinland	Jardine	Matheson	Shanghai	Swatow	Yokohama
Lyceum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
American	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
German	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought
Asiatic deck passengers to the
Colony during the 24 hours ended
at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Hong Kong	British	Arr.	Dep.
Lyceum	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—
American	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—
German	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15

CLEARANCES.

May 14:

For Canton	For Hong Kong	For Shanghai	For Swatow	For Yokohama
Lyceum	—	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—	—
American	—	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—
German	—	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15	15

ARRIVALS.

May 13.

Havdrot	Norwegian	Arr.	Dep.
Lyceum	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—
American	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—
German	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15

ARRIVALS.

May 14.

Arden	Norwegian	Arr.	Dep.
Lyceum	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—
American	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—
German	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15

ARRIVALS.

May 15.

Arden	Norwegian	Arr.	Dep.
Lyceum	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—
American	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—
German	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15

ARRIVALS.

May 16.

Arden	Norwegian	Arr.	Dep.
Lyceum	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—
American	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—
German	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15

ARRIVALS.

May 17.

Arden	Norwegian	Arr.	Dep.
Lyceum	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—
American	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—
German	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15

ARRIVALS.

May 18.

Arden	Norwegian	Arr.	Dep.
Lyceum	—	—	—
Washing	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Ningpo	—	—	—
Wuhu	—	—	—
American	—	—	—
Los Angeles	—	—	—
German	—	—	—
Havelland	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	—
Lyceum	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	—
Protea	—	—	—
Saigon	—	—	—
Graciosa	—	—	—
Havdrot	—	—	—
Samarianda	—	—	—
Chinese	—	—	—
Sun Kong	—	—	—
K. C. Wan	—	—	—
Cheung On	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—
Total	15	15	15

ARRIVALS.

May 19.

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